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# 'Extend our 15-year land lease'

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

uwaso Corp.'s new owners personally asked lawmakers yesterday to approve their proposed 15-year land lease extension for the Coral Ocean Point hotel, which will undergo a phased-in \$22 million renovation and pay off the previous owners' over \$1.57 million debt to CNMI public and private entities, drawing support from members of the House, Senate, and the public.

>> Suwaso Corp. embarks on \$22M revitalization project, vows to pay previous owners' debts

previous owners composed of Hyakumata Co. Ltd. in Japan and other minority shareholders.

A new consor-

tium of investment

partners acquired

Suwaso Corp. on

July 11 from the

Prior to the full acquisition, the new owners also wiped out the previous owners' debt related to a \$23 million Japan corporate debt settlement.

They also plan to pay off the previous owners' debts with different CNMI government and private sector agencies totaling more than \$1.57 million, using \$7 million in immediate infusion from the financier. These debts include \$919,728 in tax payment arrears with the CNMI Division of Revenue and Taxation.

Suwaso Corp.'s new owners are led by Japan-based investor Yusuke Fumoto. CNMI attorney Vincent Torres holds a minority share.

China-based investor Jia Tie Liang is the major financier of all infrastructure upgrades and improvements to Coral Ocean Point.

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# Drilling for geothermal in the offing

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

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Using a recent \$1.26-million Interior grant, the CNMI government will soon issue a request for proposals to drill geothermal temperature gradient holes of some 2,000 feet or deeper in Gualo Rai to verify the presence of heat at economically viable depths.

Thomas J. Camacho of the CNMI Energy Task Force under the Office of the Governor said this during a presentation on geothermal research in the CNMI, during the Saipan Chamber of Commerce's general membership meeting yesterday at the Fiesta Resort & Spa.

Camacho said one of the end-goals is to reduce the CNMI's dependence on fossil fuels and increase use of renewable or alternative energy sources such as geothermal energy.

He said if geothermal energy use becomes successful, it may help reduce the cost of electricity to less than 10 cents per kwh, compared

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### Lobster and steak dinner raises eyebrows

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Pictures of Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, his staff, and other government officials dining on expensive lobsters and steaks while traveling on taxpayer-paid official business is raising some eyebrows, despite assurances from the administration that they stick to the standard per diem rate.

The circulated photos of the governor, his staff, and other current and former government officials show them having lobster and steak dinners during trips this

year to Washington, D.C., California, or other places.

But the Fitial administration said yesterday that government officials on official travel pay the difference when they exceed their per diem on dinners, for

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HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

U.S. Marine Cpl. Jonathan Deleon Guerrero Mafnas, 23, addresses senators and others in the Senate chamber yesterday afternoon after he was recognized for his heroism in protecting his fellow Marines from enemy ambush while serving in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan last year. Mafnas, who is the son of Public Safety commissioner Ramon Mafnas and Workforce Investment Agency director Edith Deleon Guerrero, received a citation for valor from the U.S. Navy secretary and his commanding general.



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### Local

### 'Genealogy is key to understanding Marianas history'

More things can be learned about the rich history of the Northern Mariana Islands by thoroughly studying historical documents, according to Dr. Carlos Madrid.

After two years, the Spanish historian is back on Saipan to discuss his findings based on a research study he conducted in the Philippines in collaboration with the Digital Archive Initiative of the NMI Council for the Humanities. The Digital Archive Initiative involves the conversion of documents related to the history of the islands to digital copies.

Madrid's well-attended presentation, dubbed "Islas Marianas Digital Archive," was held Tuesday night at the American Memorial Park Visitors Center.

Madrid said his findings were derived from the historical documents he obtained during his three-month research. Of the 50,000 documents that were obtained, 20,000 of these have already been digitized and now available to the public, he said.

Madrid disclosed that he started working on the digital archive project last year when he was approached by the council, which needed someone to finish the work that began in 2006. "I was honored," he added.

For the same budget given to the previous scholar who started the project and was only able to photocopy the documents, Madrid said he got the documents scanned and microfilmed.

"No matter what they say, as

have to get [the documents]," Madrid said in an interview after the presentation. "What I showed today was how deep can we go into detailed history of the daily life."

According to Madrid, genealogy or the study of family ancestries and histories can help in the study of history.

"Throughout the years of coming and going [here], I realized that the most significant way to understand history for the Chamorro culture has to do with genealogy. That's the focus. And it made sense. Marianas is about the people and genealogy is about people," he explained.

Among his findings, Madrid found most striking the variety of documents and the depth of information that one can collect

long as they say Marianas, I'll about the history of the Marianas. It will now be up to the council on what their next step will be, he said. "Now there is a decision to be made," he added.

> After years of study on the history of the link between Spain, the Marianas, and the Philippines, Madrid feels that

this is only "the beginning."

"This must be the beginning. I feel challenged. I want debate. I don't have convictions about how history happened here. I'm trying to foster debate," said Madrid, adding that studies conducted on the history of the islands will give the future generations something to look

Madrid holds a degree in Contemporary History and History of the Americas and a doctorate from Universidad Complutense de Madrid. His masteral dissertation on the presence of political deportees in the Mariana Islands became a book, Beyond Distances: Governance, Politics and Deportation in the Mariana Islands from 1870 to 1877.

### Manhoben Center grounds get spruced up



San Antonio Manhoben Center program coordinator Frances Hill, in white shirt, is flanked by staff of the Saipan Mayor's Office Dog Control Program and the Department of Public Works during the cleanup of the center grounds yesterday.

The staff of the Saipan Mayor's Office Dog Control Program and the Department of Public Works helped clean up the San Antonio Manhoben Center grounds yesterday.

Ray B. Lizama, Dog Control Program director, said that volunteers cut the overgrown grass and took care of the debris and trash in the area, including piles of trimmed trees and other trash.

Lizama disclosed that he

was approached by center coordinator Frances Hill to ask for their assistance in clearing the area, which is near the San Antonio Church.

"This is one way for us to utilize the area and bring it back to the community," he told Saipan Tribune, adding that yesterday was the only free time they had and the equipment was also available.

The Dog Control Program is currently holding its registration in San Antonio, which is scheduled to end on Friday.

According to Lizama, the staff were all willing to help in the cleanup. "It was in their interest to do it."

Lizama added, "I think our program is not only to catch dogs but also to assist the community. In any situation like this, when we have the time, we like to give back to the community by helping people out." (Clarissa David)



Visiting Spanish historian Dr. Carlos Madrid, second right, talks to members of the audience after his presentation called "Islas Marianas Digital Archive" held at the American Memorial Park Visitors Center Tuesday night

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#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**Proposed Amendment to the** Official Saipan Zoning Map (Rezone) For An Manufacturing Partnership

The Commonwealth Zoning Board is seeking your comments on the following proposed amendment (rezone) to the Official Saipan Zoning Map. Mr. Li Xiang Ming requests to rezone lot 550New-8-R1 from "Mixed Commercial" to "Industrial", for the manufacturing of concrete hollow blocks. This area is located along Afetnas Road.

A public hearing will be held on:

Date: Thursday, September 1, 2011

5:00 pm

Zoning Office conference room, 2nd floor, Joeten Place: Dandan Bldg.

Comments on the proposal may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments may be submitted directly to the Zoning Office before 4:30 pm, August 31, 2011. Please send written comments via e-mail to staff@zoning.gov.mp, via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950, or deliver them to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, DanDan, Saipan.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please contact Therese T. Ogumoro at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq.) and the Saipan Zoning Law of 2008.

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Chairman

# Students launch signature petition for Garrison's return

By MONETH G. DEPOSA moneth\_deposa@saipantribune.com

A group of students has launched a signature petition to bring back Craig Garrison to the Public School System.

Led by Tao Cheng, who graduated from Marianas High School this school year, the signature campaign was initiated two weeks ago following the departure of Garrison from PSS after Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan placed him on administrative leave until September.

Cheng showed Saipan Tribune yesterday the three-page document bearing the names of 114 students, most of whom are from Saipan Southern High School and Marianas High School. The signatories, he said, are summer enrollees at SSHS.

Besides the 114 initial pe-

hundred students also agreed to sign the petition online because they are either on vacation or off-island.

Cheng is a former student of Saipan Southern High before transferring to MHS. He said he is a witness to the many progress and positive changes that Garrison had enforced in both schools.

As a PSS alumnus, Cheng believes it is his responsibility to continue to protect and care for his alma mater. He believes that Garrison is a "great asset" to the school system and more students will benefit from his systematic leadership.

"Many students love Mr. Garrison as a person and as a leader. He has a big heart for students and he's making a big difference in their lives. I hope through this

Education can do something for his return," Cheng said.

Cheng disclosed that many teachers-both at MHS and SSHS-have also expressed their support for the petition but requested not to sign the petition.

Cheng's group plans to turn in the signature petition to Commissioner Sablan next week.

In his last year at MHS, Cheng said that student participation in classes and activities went up. "More classes were opened and more teachers were seen teaching these classes."

Garrison confirmed yesterday that since his resignation, he has received many pleas from individuals asking him to reconsider and go back to PSS.

"There is not a day that goes by that someone, somewhere, doesn't ask me to stay on with petition, PSS and the Board of PSS. I think mostly because they

Marianas High School alumni Tom Cheng shows the threepage signature petition they gathered from summer enrollees last week. MONETH G. DEPOSA Garrison described the experience as emotional. "It's very

### Froilan: I'm not resigning as lawmaker

Rep. Froilan Tenorio (Cov-Saipan) dispelled yesterday rumors that he is going to resign as a lawmaker.

"I have no intention of resigning," he told Saipan Tribune.

But Tenorio, a former governor and speaker, said it's possible he might not seek re-

He said it's a historical fact that those running under the governor's political party during midterm elections are most likely to lose.

Tenorio ran under the Covenant Party that Gov. Benigno R. Fitial formed 10 years ago; Fitial left the party early this year to return to the Republican Party.

"I think voters will kick us out in the midterm elections; but it seems we're as bad as the Republicans," he added.

Tenorio said that rumors about his supposed plan to resign may have started during the swearing-in of Rep. Janet Maratita (Ind-Saipan), who was appointed by then acting governor Eloy S. Inos to replace former Rep. Diego Benavente who resigned effective July 16.

Tenorio said he joked at that time that it would be more historic to have four women instead of three women serving in the House, when he realized that the next vote-getter after him in his precinct is Vicky Guerrero, now with the Office of the Gov-

ernor. (Haidee V. Eugenio)



know why I do the things I do. My Facebook is constantly lit up with those kind of comments from both past, present parents, and even future students that never had the chance to be under my charge," he said.

emotional, a very moving experience, and certainly one that makes me reflect if I can weather the storm, so to speak, and return to PSS to continue the good fight. I think about everything."

Garrison resigned from his position effective Sept. 1 due to irreconcilable differences with Sablan. A week after submitting his resignation, Garrison was placed on administrative leave.







#### **COMMUNITY BRIEFS**

### NMC offices closed on following dates

As announced earlier, the Northern Marianas College will be implementing a work hour reduction for its employees. As such, NMC offices on the Saipan, Rota, and Tinian campuses will be open during normal business hours but closed on the following Fridays: Aug. 5, Aug. 19, Sept. 2, Sept. 16, and Sept. 30, 2011. Please note that during these weeks the Cooperative Research Extension and Education Service offices will extend its business hours from 7:30am to 6:30pm (Monday to Thursday).

Offices that will remain open on the dates earlier mentioned include Counseling Programs and Services and the Community Development Institute. Adult Basic Education classes will continue as planned on these dates as well.

Class registration for the fall 2011 semester will proceed as planned from Monday, Aug. 15, 2011, through Saturday, Aug. 20, 2011. Visit the NMC website at www.nmcnet.edu for more information. (NMC)

### Tanapag school kindergarten registration

Tanapag Elementary School's kindergarten registration for school year 2011-2012 will be held on Aug. 8-12 and Aug. 15-17, from 8:30amto 3:30pm at the main office. Kindergarten registration requirements: child must be 5 years old on or before Aug. 31, 2011; copy of child's birth certificate; school entrance health certificate; copy of health insurance or Medicaid; map of residence; copy of legal guardianship (if applicable).

For questions, call the main office at

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Douglas Brennan, president of the

Saipan Chamber of Commerce, said

the realization of the geothermal project

will be a big help not only to businesses

but also to the whole CNMI faced with

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664-3425/3126/3427. (TES)

### Kagman High orientation schedule

Kagman High School will be holding an orientation for freshmen and sophomores on Aug. 25, 2011. The freshmen orientation will be from 9am to 10am, while the sophomore orientation will be from 10:30am to 11:30am.

The orientation for juniors and seniors will be on Aug. 26, 2011. Juniors will have their orientation from 9am to 10am, while seniors will have theirs from 10:30am to 11:30am.

For more information, call the KHS main office at 237-3840. (KHS)

#### **Kagman High Painting Party**

Calling all Kagman High community stakeholders! Students, parents, alumni are all invited to come to Kagman High on Aug. 10 and 11 at 9am for a painting party! Help us prepare for the opening of the best school year ever! We will be painting the exterior walls of the school in preparation of school year 2011-2012 and our accreditation visit in April. Wear your BA 'HAKI clothes and bring a paintbrush if you have one and a dish to share. We will provide the paint and other supplies. *(KHS)* 

### Registration info for Saipan Southern High

Saipan Southern High School students who have been elevated from Junior High are not officially enrolled if your parents/ legal guardians did not submit a registration form. Pick up forms from the counseling office and submit ASAP for your child to be enrolled in SSHS. All returning students that attended SSHS last year must return all text-

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that the CNMI has enough geothermal

energy to run a power plant, then Gualo

Rai could be a center of the geothermal

power plant.

wells, one of which is in Gualo Rai.

books and settle all obligations with the school, before you can pick up your class schedule.

Schedules are to be picked up at the Counseling Office as follows:

- Seniors, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade, Aug. 22, Monday, 9am-4pm
- Juniors, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade, Aug. 23 Tuesday, 9am-4pm
- Sophomores-10<sup>th</sup> Grade, Aug. 24 Wednesday, 9am-4pm

All transfer and new students enrolling at SSHS in grades 10, 11, and 12 are required to attend an orientation on Aug. 25, Thursday, 9am-4pm, with their parents or legal guardians. Freshman student orientation on Aug. 26 will be held in two different sessions—from 9am-11am and from 1pm-3pm. Attend only one session with parents or legal guardians. No students will be allowed to attend the orientation without parents or legal guardians in attendance.

For more information, call the SSHS principal directly at 237-3702 or the SSHS main office at 664-4000. *(SSHS)* 

### Kagman High Fence Line Clearing Party

Students, parents, alumni are all invited to come to Kagman High School on Aug. 17 and 18 at 9am to help us beautify our campus fence line. We want to clear the *sakati* and *tangan-tangan* to make our school safe and secure by providing visibility thorough the fences. Help us with this big task by bringing your *kama*, machete, bush cutters and strength. We will provide the gas for the brush cutters. Bring a dish to share for the potluck at lunch. *(KHS)* 

#### **Kagman High Water Blasting**

Newly installed Northern Marianas College president Dr. Sharon Hart, also a guest speaker at the Chamber meeting, made a presentation about NMC as an engine for economic growth in the

Hart said she would like to further strengthen NMC's ties with the business community to help provide a wellprepared labor force, employer group training, and other mutually beneficial programs.

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Jia, who has been to the CNMI several times, is the president and chief executive officer of Sheng Jia Heng Xin Investment Co., which is engaged in jade mining operations, real estate, retail, and movie productions. He also plans to revitalize Tinian and Rota during visits to the CNMI early this year.

Two of the three new owners—Fumoto and Torres—appeared before the lawmakers two days before a scheduled joint session of the Legislature to consider the proposed 15-year lease extension.

"We promise to be better than the previous owners," said Suwaso Corp. board secretary Philip Mendiola-Long, who was one of those who made a presentation about the new owners and their plans in front of lawmakers and other members of the public yesterday afternoon on Capital Hill.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial asked members of the House leadership on Tuesday to hold off action on the proposed land lease until he meets with the new owners. Mendiola-Long and Torres

separately said they would like to meet with the governor as soon as possible.

House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan), in an interview after the presentation, said he's glad he invited the new owners of Suwaso Corp. to meet with the lawmakers "to get to know them more."

Cabrera said all his questions about Suwaso Corp., its previous and new owners, and plans were answered during the presentation. He said he supports Suwaso Corp.'s proposed land lease extension.

But Cabrera said he will be asking other members of the House leadership about their thoughts on Suwaso Corp.'s proposal, and decide today whether to push through with the joint session on Friday

Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota), who was also at the Suwaso Corp. presentation with most senators, said he supports the lease extension.

Rep. Ray Yumul (R-Saipan) and Senate floor leader Pete Reyes (R-Saipan) separately announced they will vote "yes" on the lease extension proposal on Friday.

Saipan Municipal Council chair Ramon B. Camacho, who was also in the

House chamber yesterday, said he supports the extension but wants the new owners to ensure that they maintain the public beaches near Coral Ocean Point, and to hire Northern Marianas-descent employees.

Tinian Mayor Ramon M. Dela Cruz, in a separate letter to Public Lands Secretary Oscar Babauta yesterday, also expressed support to Suwaso Corp.'s lease extension.

"In addition to improving the Coral Ocean Point property, Mr. Jia's investment will also include opening a new Beijing route partnering Coral Ocean Point with the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino to bring more tourists to Saipan and Tinian," Dela Cruz said.

Part of Suwaso Corp.'s revitalization plan is to build 200 new guest rooms with an estimated budget of \$7.6 million. This will include additional standalone bungalows and the renovation of exiting bungalows to increase room capacity. It also includes a new water park, purchase of solar-charged golf carts, and improvement of the golf course.

The owners said the plan includes hiring of 60 additional employees, bringing the number of full-time employees to 118.

#### **Party**

Students, parents and alumni are all invited to come to Kagman High School on Aug. 22 and 23 at 9am to help us blast last year's dirt away! We want to water blast the sidewalks and window shutters in preparation for the opening of the school. Help us with this wet task by bringing a water blaster if you have one and a hose. We will provide the gas and electricity if your blaster is electric. Bring a dish to share for the potluck at lunch. *(KHS)* 

### Kagman High re-registration ongoing

Students planning on attending Kagman High School must re-register in

order to get a schedule of classes. The purpose of this is to update our records and contact information. Incoming 9th graders from Hopwood, if you have not registered yet, do it soon! Many of you are not registered yet and time is running out! Required documents: copy of birth certificate, school entrance health certificate, copy of medical insurance card, official transcript, legal guardianship document (if needed) and registration application (which includes an E-Rate income survey). Official registration will end Aug. 19. Late registration will be accepted, but placement in choice classes depends on early registration! (KHS)

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example.

The administration also clarified that the governor personally paid for the dinner shown in the photos circulated online yesterday.

The 12 photos were taken from the Facebook page of first lady Josie Fitial, who later removed the photos from her page.

"Judge for yourself—CNMI employees on official travel," says the title of an email sent by "CNMI Watchdog."

Press secretary Angel Demapan, when asked for comment, said it should be reiterated that government officials on official travel do not bill the government for what they choose to eat, as the government has a standardized and established per diem rate for all sanctioned travels.

"Should an official choose to spend beyond the limits of the authorized per diem, then the difference in costs automatically becomes a personal expenditure and not the government's," Demapan said in response to *Saipan Tribune* questions.

When asked about the specific dinner shown in the circulated photos, Demapan said "dinner was simply dinner and they were paid for personally by the governor."

He said some of the photos are not familiar to him, and may have been personal engagements of the governor.

Demapan said it is also "puzzling" that a photo of former Commerce secretary and now ARRA management contractor Mike Ada was inserted into the anonymous email "as Mr. Ada was not at any of the locations with us."

Among those in the photos were the governor, the first lady, special assistant for budget and management Vicky Villagomez, special assistant for administration Esther Fleming, acting Commerce secretary Sixto Igisomar, press secretary Demapan, former governor and now special adviser Juan N. Babauta and former Commerce secretary and now ARRA management contractor Michael Ada, among other individuals.

#### 'Cloak of anonymity'

Demapan said the administration does not find it appropriate to comment on issues raised behind the cloak of anonymity or on photos that are personal belongings of others and not official photos of the administration.

He said the photos were "lifted

without consent from a social network profile belonging to the first lady."

Yesterday afternoon, the Fitial administration said it has information on the person behind the anonymous email.

Saipan Tribune is not revealing the identity of the individual the administration suspects of sending the anonymous email without first obtaining comment from the individual.

Demapan said despite these anonymous efforts to discredit the administration, "the administration will not be deterred in its mission to ensure that the pressing issues of the Commonwealth are adequately defended before members of Congress, heads of federal agencies and other officials who have a direct correlation to the overall welfare of the people of the CNMI."

#### Per diem for DC, San Francisco

The email sent by "CNMI Watchdog" takes issue with the officials' expensive dinner due to the CNMI government's financial quagmire and delayed payrolls.

"Just when we can't afford to pay vendors, we can't afford to make payroll, we can't get our tax rebate/refunds, but they can eat steak and lobster? It is certainly not against the law but it must be nice... Maybe it's time for government per diem to be adjusted? But who is going to be upset about this," the email asks.

Early this year, the governor and other officials traveled to Washington, D.C. and San Francisco on official business. In July, the governor and other officials also traveled to the nation's capital and San Francisco, as well as Utah and Pohnpei, on official business.

Demapan said the established per diem rate for San Francisco in California and Washington, D.C. is \$250 a day. This includes expenses for hotel and meals.

"Any cost incurred above the established rate is paid for by personal funds. Thus, we had all spent much personal funds given that most of our per diem funds were exhausted on hotel costs, given the higher median price of lodging in both California and Washington, D.C.," he added.

The governor is supposed to leave for Hawaii next week to attend the upcoming meeting of the Pacific Basin Development Council, but decided to forego this trip because of prior commitments in the CNMI. He may go to Alaska at a later date.

# Some hospital vendors are finally getting

#### >> Administration confirms fund transfer from CDA

By MONETH G. DEPOSA

The Fitial administration confirmed yesterday the transfer of \$1.7 million from the Commonwealth Development Authority to the Department of Finance to address the immediate needs of the Commonwealth Health Center, which is under a state of emergency.

Press secretary Angel A. Demapan confirmed the fund's transfer with the Saipan Tribune yesterday.

"Yes, the funds have been

Finance and the department has already paid out most of the funds to first pay the most pressing needs of the hospital such as lab reagents, pharmaceuticals, and hemodialysis supplies," he said.

Esther Muña, acting deputy secretary for hospital administration, said yesterday that CHC has already made some payments to its vendors and is currently reviewing a list of those who need to be paid now. She pointed out, though, that CHC needs about \$3 million to be able to pay all unpaid obligations to vendors and suppliers.

The administration earlier said that the reprogramming of \$1.7 million from CDA will prevent the hospital from shutting down

transferred to the Department of its doors to patients. The amount represents the interest income generated by CDA from the \$140 million bond that was floated by the CNMI government in 1990s.

By statute, any interest income from the bond requires the Legislature's appropriation but, in case of emergencies, the administration has the authority to use the money where it is needed most. That was what happened on July 25, when then acting governor Eloy Inos found out that the hospital lacks immediate supplies and services because of unpaid obligation to vendors. He declared a state of emergency for CHC, along with Tinian and Rota health centers.

The declaration allowed Inos to suspend all statutory or regulatory provisions and gave him the ability to reprogram available and authorized resources to address the emergency.

Yesterday, Demapan described as premature the idea of extending the emergency declaration at CHC.

"At this point, it's premature to talk about whether the declaration will be extended or not. The bottom line is that the declaration will remain in effect as long as the need to safeguard people's access to healthcare is there," said Demapan.

The Legislature earlier alerted the Executive Branch to the serious condition of the hospital. which lacked medical supplies and 21 different kinds of reagents necessary for tests such as etoh, carbamazapine, cultures (except blood), and creatinine.

CHC's emergency room also lacks physicians and those who are available are being hampered by the lack of important diagnostic tests such as CBC, cultures, lytes, kidney tests, and heart attack tests.

### Rota road projects nearing completion

The hazard elimination projects on Routes 10 and 100 on Rota by the Department of Public Works have reached substantial completion, according to Secretary Martin C. Sablan.

The two projects were intended to repair damage caused by natural disasters such as tropical storms.

Sablan said there are "minor issues" to be addressed on both Routes 10 and 100 after the two roads had been inspected. Route 100 is Rota's main highway.

"These are only minor issues that need to be addressed. They're not critical," he told Saipan Tribune.

After the issues are addressed, Sablan said there will be a final inspection on both roads before a closeout of the project.

Another road project on Rota, Route 11, has already been completed. Route 11 goes from Sinapalo to Sabana. (Clarissa V. David)

### Man who slams wife's head on picnic table gets 5-day jail term

The Superior Court has imposed a five-day prison term on a man who was arrested for repeatedly slamming his wife's head on a picnic table at their house in Kagman III.

Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo sentenced 43-year-old Christopher Magofna to a year in prison, all suspended except for five days, for assault and battery, with credit for time served. That means he will no longer serve further iail time. However. if he commits another crime of domestic violence, the remaining months of his suspended sentence will be re-imposed.

Magofna was placed on supervised probation for two years and required to complete anger management counseling, a parenting class, and any other counseling recommended by the treatment provider or the Office of Adult Probation.

Govendo also prohibited him from consuming or possessing

any alcoholic beverages or any illegal drugs during his probation.

Magofna was also directed to perform 100 hours of community service and pay a \$200 fine, plus court costs and probation fees.

The Office of the Attorney General had charged Magofna with assault and battery, disturbing the peace, and illegal possession of controlled substance. Magofna, with assistant public defender Matt Meyer, agreed to plead guilty to assault and battery as part of a deal. The remaining charges were dropped.

The case arose from an incident on July 15, 2011, when Magofna grabbed his wife by the shoulder and slammed her head down on a picnic table several times. Police said it was the wife who called police to report the incident.

Police also found a marijuana plant at the house. (Ferdie de la

### **ANG PAMBANSANG SIM CARD NG MGA PINOY SA SAIPAN**



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# TEXT FROM THE PHILIPPINES



### Former bank CEO wants transfer to Calif. upon release from prison

Former Bank of Saipan chief executive officer and board chair Tomas Aldan, who is serving a 10-year prison term over the bank fiasco, is asking to be transferred to the Central District of California upon his release from imprisonment, but was denied.

With this request, U.S. Probation Officer Gregory F. Arriola yesterday asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to modify the conditions of Aldan's supervision.

In January 2004, the federal court sentenced Aldan to 10 years for his role in a scheme to defraud the Bank of Saipan of about \$6.6 million from 2001 to 2002. Upon completing his prison term, Aldan will be placed on three years of supervised release.

In his report to the federal court, Arriola stated that on July 22, 2011, a Taft Correctional case manager contacted the Probation Office via email about Aldan.

Arriola said the email contained a letter from the Taft Correctional Institution warden to chief U.S. Probation Officer Michelle A. Carey of the Central District of California to inform them of Aldan's request to be transferred to the Central District upon his release.

Arriola said a response from U.S. Probation Officer Jodei Knez indicated that Aldan's request was not approved because the conditions in the current judgment and commitment order issued by the federal court were not enough to supervise Aldan.

Knez noted that the conditions needed to be ordered by the federal court before their district would accept Aldan's transfer.

Arriola said that Aldan agreed to the modifications and signed a Probation Form 49 or waiver of hearing to modify conditions of supervised release with additional conditions. (Ferdie de la Torre)

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#### Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-11-044

#### LOAN SERVICING & RELATED COLLECTION ACTION

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), Office of the Executive Director is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified collection agencies to provide loan servicing and related collection actions in Saipan, Tinian and Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The RFP Package and Scope-of-Work may be obtained, upon receipt of a deposit from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of \$ 100.00 (non-refundable) for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on July 19, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST) at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.10, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan.

One (1) original and Six (6) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-11-044, Loan Servicing & Related Collection Action", to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than August 9.2011 at 10:00 AM. (ChST). Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract.

The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services.

Offerors will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) local time on July 22. 2011 to Mr. Charles Warren, CUC Chief Financial Officer via email Charles\_Warren@cucgov.net with a copy to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - msablan@cucgov.net and Ms. Janina Mika Muna, Admin. Support Assistant, Procurement & Supply via email mika muna@cucgov.net.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all offers and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

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### **Humanities Council to celebrate** 20th anniversary with fundraiser

By CLARISSA V. DAVID

The Northern Mariana Islands Council for the Humanities, a non-profit, grants-making corporation in the CNMI, will celebrate its 20th anniversary with a fundraising dinner to benefit its various programs for the community.

Executive director Scott Russell said the fundraising dinner is slated for Aug. 12 at 6pm at the Pacific Islands Club in San Antonio. Tickets cost \$50 per person.

Russell said the dinner will feature raffle drawing of donated prizes, a special auction of donated artwork, and remarks from Fr. Eric Forbes, who will serve as the keynote speaker during the event.

Born and raised in Guam, Forbes is the Capuchin superior for both Guam and Hawaii. He earned his bachelor's degree in History at San Francisco State University in 1984 and his masters of divinity at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley.

Forbes is a columnist for the Pacific Daily News and authored several books, including Historia dela Mision de Guam de los Capuchinos Espanoles, The German Capuchins in the Marianas 1907-1919, and Pale' Roman.

"He's a humanities scholar in his own right. ... He's going to be looking at how the humanities fit into life here in manities early." These include the Marianas and how they're relevant to the indigenous communities," Russell said in an interview after Spanish historian Dr. Carlos Madrid's presentation at the American Memorial Park Tuesday.

Russell said they hope to give next Friday's guests "a nice, enjoyable evening and give them some quality for their money" with live music, great food, and drinks.

"We have printed 500 [tickets] and we're hoping to sell as many of those as possible," he added.

Tickets are available at the Humanities Council's office at Spring Plaza in Gualo Rai or from any Council staff and board member.

#### **Humanities through the** vears

Russell, who has been with the Humanities Council for the last 10 years, said the organization has grown with time, becoming "stronger" and improving their programs over the years.

"I could say that we are probably one of the lead agencies in studying the history, cultures, and languages of the indigenous population. In more recent years, we have expanded our reach because we still feel that that's a very important thing to do," he said.

Their programs, Russell said, involve getting the younger generation "hooked in the hu-

working with junior high school students, a Motheread family literacy program for children and low income families, and several projects that look at contributions that have been made by segments of the society other than the indigenous community.

"We're also going to be looking at other innovative ways of making the humanities more relevant to the general public and involving more segments of the public, especially in Rota and Tinian," added Russell.

According to Russell, the Humanities Council has had challenges in getting programs to the two islands and one of the ways they've addressed this is through the weekly radio program it sponsors.

"Your Humanities Half-Hour," which airs every Sunday from 2pm to 2:30pm on Power 99, is hosted by Catherine Perry.

"We've run it for a year. We're going to do another three months and we're going to look for corporate sponsors," said Russell.

He said the National Endowment for the Humanities deems the radio show a "very important program" as it reaches out to more people in the community.

A lecture from another visiting scholar, Dirk Spennemann, is scheduled next week in line with the council's anniversary.

### New student representative sworn in

The State Board of Education swore into office yesterday its newest member, Mary Hocog, who was appointed by the Fitial administration to represent Public School System students.

Hocog, a senior student at Tinian High School, replaced Joycelynn Atalig from Rota. Her term is for one year; she will serve as a non-voting board member.

She is the daughter of Ann Marie Hocog and Gerald Crisostomo.

Hocog thanked board members yesterday for their trust and confidence in her capability to lead students and make a difference in their lives.

In an interview yesterday

with Saipan Tribune, Hocog vowed to do her best to help her peers, both in school and in the community.

"I am truly honored to be the student representative for the Board of Education: to speak my thoughts, give suggestions, and to be the voice of the youth. I'm really looking forward to this experience and in taking on this responsibility, I will do all I can and try to create a new legacy," she told the board.

Hocog is a consistent honor student. From 2006 through 2010, Hocog was a constant participant in the annual Chamorro language competition in Guam and had received numerous awards for various contest cat- manities. (Moneth Deposa)

egories. In 2009, Hocog participated in the JROTC Leadership Symposium/Academic Bowl held at the George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. She is also an active member or officer of various academic and youth groups and has participated in several academic competitions here and off-island.

At the same meeting yesterday, the Education Board also presented visiting Spanish scholar Dr. Carlos Madrid a copy of the book History of the Mariana Islands to Partition, authored by local historian Don A. Farrel. Madrid is on island for a series of lectures sponsored by the NMI Council for the Hu-

### Man allegedly beats up wife, son, son's girlfriend

A drunken man allegedly beat up his wife, son, and his son's girlfriend at their residence in Kagman III on Sunday night.

Steven Allen Sahagon, 46, was arrested for assault and battery and disturbing the peace. Bail was initially set at \$1,500 cash. He was scheduled to appear in court yesterday afternoon.

Detective Peter A. Aldan stated in his report that police officer Stanley Patris was patrolling Kagman III along Mangga Street when Sahagon's wife after receiving a call about a doflagged him down.

The wife reportedly told Patris that Sahagon was drunk and was swinging their 7-month-old grandchild hard and high. The wife said the baby almost hit the wall so the mother took the child away from Sahagon.

The officer talked to Sahagon not to bother the children and go to sleep. Sahagon agreed so the officer left.

Later at 9pm, Patris was dispatched back to the residence mestic violence incident.

The officer learned that Sahagon had punched his son in the left eye and grabbed his neck and squeezed it. The suspect also butted his head against his son.

The son and his girlfriend took their baby and ran outside the house. The suspect's wife called the police, but he allegedly slapped her in the face.

Patris arrested Sahagon. (Ferdie de la Torre)

### Marine returns from two wars

VFW Pacific Commander Barry Hirshbein welcomed one of the islands' local warriors, USMC Sgt. Julian Ranas, back to Saipan and invited him to join the local Veteran of Foreign Wars organization on Beach Road. Ranas was born and raised on Saipan and graduated from Marianas High School.

After joining the U.S. Marine Corps and completing Basic Training in San Diego, Ranas was assigned to the Combat Logistics Battalion, and soon found himself in the war zones of Iraq and Afghanistan (two different tours). He quickly advanced from Private to Sergeant, and was placed in charge of a platoon and a dozen supply trucks into the combat zones. On one excursion, his truck rolled over an IED (Improvised Explosion Device), but because of the truck's armament and size, only his gunner suffered minor shrapnel wounds.

Ranas has been on Saipan and Guam for his R&R (Rest and Relaxation), seeing friends and family. He will be returning to his Hawaii base after his leave.

Ranas has been awarded several Expedition medals for his service. Because of his highly regarded military status, he will be attending Recruiter's School in San Diego for eight weeks, and after that, he hopes to be assigned to the Pacific Regions for his recruiting duties. He has already served six years, and is not certain at this stage about re-upping again—he has developed several college goals.

His brother, Nick Ranas Jr., who is another MHS graduate, is a member of the U.S. Navy and has been assigned to California, Afghanistan, and Japan. (Joe Race)



VFW Pacific Commander Barry Hirshbein welcomes U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Julian Ranas to the Saipan

### Friday noon is deadline to register for TOC

Champions, the premier golf event in Saipan, will be played this Saturday and Sunday at the LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort East and West Course. The two-day event is full of exciting hole-inone and cash prizes as well as raffle prizes during the banquet. The deadline to register is 12 noon tomorrow, Aug. 5.

The \$175 TOC tournament fee includes two days of golf and the awards banquet, which will be held on Sunday at Laolao Bay's The Grill Restaurant immediately following the tournament. "We set our price to match the fee from the first TOC in 1996. We appreciate the support for TOC and continued the reduced fee this year." said TOC tournament director Ben Babauta.

First place winners in the Men's Championship, A, B, C, Senior and Super Senior Flights will each receive \$600 cash, \$500 for second, \$400 for third, a digital camera to fourth, and \$100 DFS gift certificate for fifth place.

The Ladies Low Gross champion will receive \$600, \$500 for second, and \$400 for third place. The Ladies Low Net first through third places will receive a trophy.

Over \$400,000 worth of prizes are at stake in the two-day tournament, including hole-inone prizes worth \$50,000 on both the East and West course courtesy of AON, two brand new cars from Joeten Motors

The 16th Annual Tournament of and Triple J Motors, two Delta scorecard tiebreak over Prescil Air Lines BusinessElite tickets to anywhere in the U.S. or Canada that Delta Air Lines flies and \$25,000 from the Bank of Hawaii. In addition, \$1,000 and a free year of golf will be awarded to the closest to the pin winners.

"The golfers have been saying that this is the year for someone to hit a hole-in-one. Our sponsors and committee would be thrilled if we have a winner this year," Babauta said. "I really want to once again thank our sponsors and our players for their continued support of TOC."

Nike Demo Days are today and Friday from 2pm to 6pm at the LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort Driving Range. Participants can sample a broad assortment of Nike clubs at The Range while experts will be in place to help golfers with their personal driver fittings while playing their practice rounds. This opportunity to receive individual attention from John Botelho from Nike Golf in Hawaii should not be missed.

In 2010, TOC first timer Geon Ju Lee of Korea won the Men's Championship Flight, Jin Woo Park and Bae Young Man were in a tight race for second and third.

In the A Flight, Xian Lai Cui was first with Nathan Zhao and Tars Olopai placing second and third respectively. In the B flight, Young Woo Lee won the

D. Azarcon and Hyoung Kim Il was third. Eun Sam Cui won the C flight and Danny Quitugua had a second place finish with Takashi Nakata placing third.

Tony Satur topped the Senior flight with Edward Manibusan and Vic Borja tied. Manibusan was awarded 2nd place by scorecard tiebreak and Borja third. In the Super Senior Flight, Duke Yoo won first, Bill Garris was second and Jesus M. Taitano was third.

In Ladies Flight, Keina D. Kim won low gross followed by Noriko Togawa in second place over Jung Yoom Kim. In the Ladies Low Net, Young Hee Yoo came in first while I Sun Park placed second and Sherlyn P. Jones was third.

This year's TOC is supported by Platinum sponsors DFS Galleria, Marianas Visitors Authority, and Laolao Bay Golf & Resort. Gold sponsors include AON Insurance, Bank of Hawaii, Budweiser, Delta, Docomo Pacific, IT&E, Joeten Motors, Nike Golf, Saipan Computer Services, Shell, Tan Holdings, and Triple J Motors. Other supporters are silver sponsors Hard Rock Café, Jack Hardy Images Saipan, KSPN Channel 2/Visitors Channel, KZMI/KCNM, Miller, Pepsi, Power 99/The Kat, and bronze sponsors Asiana, Chong's Corporation, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Island Apparel, Kautz Glass, Rota Water and Triple B Forwarders. (TOC)

#### Commonwealth I Sankattan Siha Na Islas Mariana Ofisinan I Gubietno Dipåttamenton I Tano' Pupbliku

#### NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEASE EXTENSION FOR PUBLIC LAND

In accordance with Section 106 (a) and (b) of Public Law 15-2, the Department of Public Lands hereby gives notice of its intent to recommend the extension of a lease on certain public lands in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The lease extension is subject to the approval of the Northern Mariana Islands Commonwealth Legislature in accordance with the mandate set out in Article XI, § 5(c) of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands. Any interested parties of the general public may submit comments, data, views, or arguments of alternative proposals for the lease of the public land. As further provided by Public Law 15-2, the following pertinent information is required to be published.

- $The \ leased \ premises \ is \ described \ as \ public \ land \ Lot \ No. \ 011 \ L \ 01, containing \ an \ area \ of \ approximately \ 735,023$ square meters, more or less, situated in Unai Dangkulu, Saipan. A copy of the location of the parcel is available at the Department of Public Lands for inspection.
- The lessee is Suwaso Corporation, a CNMI Corporation. The Board of Directors of the Corporation are Yusuke Fumoto, Vincent DLG. Torres (Chairman), and Phillip Mendiola-Long.
  - The President and Treasurer of the Corporation is Yusuke Fumoto. The Vice President is Vincent DLG. Torres. The Secretary is Phillip Mendiola-Long
- The proposed lease extension was negotiated by Mr. Vincent DLG. Torres.
- The lessee shall continue to use the premises solely for the purpose of operating and maintaining a golf course and cottage type resort and related facilities.

The term of the lease agreement extensions is 15 years.

The proposed annual rental during the term is based on a percentage of the appraised fair market value of the

- Copies of the proposed lease extension agreements may be obtained at the office of the Department of Public Lands, located on the 2nd floor of the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building in Dandan, Saipan; Songsong Village, Rota; or the 1st floor of the Kings Commercial Building, Tinian.
- The Secretary of the Department of Public Lands shall accept written comments, views, arguments or alternative proposals from interested parties on or before August 10, 2011 at the Department of Public Lands offices located in Saipan, Rota or Tinian.

#### NUTISIA PUT MAPROPONIN INEKSTENDIN INATKILON TANU' PUPBLIKU

Sigun gi Seksiona 106(a) yan (b) gi Lain Pupbliku 15-2, i Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbliku guini ha nå'i notisia ni intesion-ña para u rekumenda i inekstenden inatkilon gi pumalu na tånu' pupbliku siha giya Saipan, Commonwealth gi Sangkattan na Isla Marianas siha. Esti na inekstenden atkilon siha manmasuhetu para i inaprueban i Lehislaturan Commonwealth gi Sangkattan na Islas Marianas gi sigun ni mamånda ni mapega huyung gi Attikilu XI, § 5(c) gi Konstitusion i Sangkattan na Islas Marianas siha. Maseha håyi na petsona siha gi halum i pupbliku heneråt siña ha na'hålum i imfotmasion, opiñon, pat testamoñun kinentra siha gi tinahguen propositu siha ni para i atkilon tånu' pupbliku. Sigi mås mo'na mapribeniyi ginin i Lain Pupbliku 15-2, i tinattitiyi pettanesin imfotmasion ni madimånda

- I lugåt atkilon siha madeskribi komu tano' pupbliku Lot No. 011 L 01, kinonsisti årian kåsi guaha 735,023 square meters, putlumenus mås, ni gaige gi Inai Dångkulu, Saipan. I kopian i pumalu na lugåt gaigi na gumuaha gi Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbliku siha ni para i rikunosimientu.
- I manatkikila i Suwaso Corporation. I Kuetpon i Direktot siha gi Korporasion si Yusuke Fumoto, Vincent DLG. Torres (Kabesiyu) yan si Phillip Mendiola-Long.

I Presidenti yan Treasurer gi Korporasion si Yusuke Fumoto. I sigundu Presidenti si Vincent DLG. Torres. I Sekritåriu si Phillip Mendiola-Long.

- I maproponi na ekstension atkilon manigosiu gi as Siñot Vincent DLG. Torres.
- I manatkikila debi na u kontinua umusa i lugåt siha uniku para i hinangai i operasion yan maintaining golf course yan cottage type resort yan mana'achuli' na fasilidat siha

I teman i kuntråtan atkilon ha ekstendi gi 15 åñus

I manmaproponi na åpas atkilon gi sakkan gi duråntin i tema sigun gi percentage gi appraised fair market value

- Kopian i manmaproponi na ekstension atkilon na kontråta siha siña machuli' gi ufisinan i Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbliku siha, gaigi gi segundu bibienda 2nd floor gi Joeten Dandan Commercial Building giya Dandan, Saipan; gi Songsong Village, Luta; pat i primet 1st bibienda gi Kings Commercial Building, Tinian.
- I Sekritåriun i Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbliku siha debi na u aksepta i tinigi' i imfotmasion, opiñon yan testamoñun kinentra pat tinahguin propositu siha ginin i manggai interes na pattida siha gi pat åntis di Agosto 10, 2011 gi ufisinan Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbliku siha ni gaigi Saipan, Luta, pat Tinian

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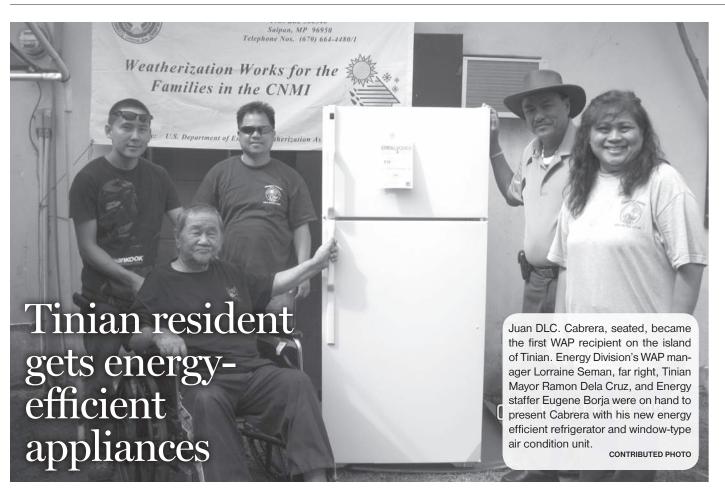
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Tinian's resident Juan DLC. Cabrera has become the first beneficiary of the Tinian's Weatherization Assistance Program Formula Grant under the CNMI Energy Division. The WAP is an income-based program that "aims to reduce energy costs for low-income families, particularly for the elderly, people with disabilities, and children, by improving the energy efficiency of their homes while ensuring their health and safety."

Based on the energy audit, Ca-

his energy efficient replacement refrigerator and a window-type air condition unit, replaced all incandescent light bulbs to compact fluorescent light bulbs and received two smoke detectors installed as part of the WAP "safety program."

Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz, who was present during the presentation of the appliances, congratulated Cabrera for being the program's first recipient in the municipality and was very grateful to the CNMI Enbrera received on July 11, 2011, ergy Division and WAP staff for the week, the WAP program

all the hard work and dedication that was put into the program in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Energy, WAP.

WAP manager Lorraine M. Seman and energy auditor Eugene Borja were both on Tinian from July 11 to 15, 2011, during which a total of 14 other applicant homes were weatherized. Forty-one homes on the island of Tinian were allocated to receive services, but because of the high volume of applications received during for Tinian has exceeded its cap limit. However, once the program re-opens, more applications will be entertained.

"It is pleasing to know that the Tinian residents are availing of the WAP program and based on energy audits performed, Tinian residents are taking energy conservation efforts by replacing their incandescent light bulbs to compact fluorescent light bulbs. This is the beginning to conserving energy and saving money at the same time," said Seman. (PR)

### Castro-Pangelinan receives nat'l certification

Joanne Castro-Pangelinan has become the fourth technician at Marianas Eye Institute to receive a nationally recognized degree as a Certified Ophthalmic Assistant from the Joint

Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology.

Castro-Pangelinan joins Emilly Taitano, Lin Muleta, and Thelma Tenorio as the only four Certified Ophthalmic Assistants in the CNMI. The staff

of Marianas Eye Institute holds a total of nine nationally recognized certifications—more than any other eye clinic in the region. In addition to Certified Ophthalmic Assistants, the staff nity." have gained expertise as certified

fitters, and certified ophthalmic coders.

"We've really

accomplished

a lot at Marianas Eye Institute over the years," said Dr. David Khorram, the medical director. "But I believe our greatest accomplishment has been the training of our staff. I enjoy my work so much because of our outstanding staff-all hired locally, all graduates of local high schools, and all coming to us with no prior experience. To see them become nationally certified is amazing."

Outlining some of the clinic's accomplishments, Russ Quinn, CEO of Marianas Eye Institute, said: "We have been hailed as one of the best equipped eye

> clinics in the Asia Pacific region; we've introduced some of the most advanced eye care technologies into the CNMI; we've published articles in journals; scientific and we are part of one of the most important



Castro-Pangelinan

research networks for diabetic eye disease, yet raising the level of our staff is what we're proudest of. We empower our staff, and they serve their commu-

Castro-Pangelinan, a graduopticians, certified contact lens ate of Marianas High School,

> has been em-**CONTACT INFO** ployed at Mari-Tel: 235-9090 anas Eye Insti-Web: www.MarianasEye.com tute since 1999.

"Our experience at Marianas Eye Institute, and the training given to us by Dr. Khorram and Dr. Robertson qualifies us to sit for the exam," she explained. "Of course, there were many long hours of studying involved also. It was a 3 ½ hour exam, and I felt confident when I completed it," said Castro-Pangelinan.

The exam for the Certified Ophthalmic Assistant covers

19 knowledge areas, including topics such as history taking, equipment maintenance and repair, microbiology, pharmacology, surgical assisting, ophthalmic imaging, patient education, spectacle skills, refractometry, lensometry, visual assessment and medical ethics, legal and regulatory issues.

"We are so well-trained at Marianas Eye Institute," said Castro-Pangelinan. "I know that this certification is a real accomplishment and helps us advance our careers."

"We're very proud of Joanne, as we are of all our staff," said "These certifica-Khorram. tions are a great achievement for them, and in addition to the sense of accomplishment, along with each level of certification comes a nice raise. We believe in rewarding our staff for their accomplishments."

Marianas Eye Institute opened its doors in 1998 on Beach Road in Garapan across 13 Fishermen Monument. (PR)

# UOG'S Ann Gawel is a finalist for ecological group's service award

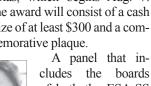
Ann Marie Gawel, a graduate Texas, which begins Aug. 7. student pursuing her master's The award will consist of a cash degree in biology at the Uni- prize of at least \$300 and a comversity of Guam, is a finalist for memorative plaque.

the 2011 Ecological Society of America Service Award

The Union of Concerned Scientists in partnership with the Student Section of the Ecological Society of America will honor young scientists for the contribu-

tions to the discipline of ecology that have extended beyond the realm of academia and into the broader communities of which they are a part during the annual conference of the Ecological Society of America, in Austin,

Gawel



of both the ESA-SS and UCS will evaluate each applicant's contributions to outreach, ecoservice and environmental justice. The goal of this award is to engage young ecologists in

research that reaches beyond inquiry and into application, outreach, and education. The theme of the 96th annual ESA meeting is "Earth Stewardship: Preserving and enhancing the earth's life-support systems." (UOG)



Aug. 4, 1999

#### Fewer patrol cars for fiscal 2000

Patrol car operations for fiscal year 2000 may be affected after the budget for car lease has been cut from \$1.1 million to just over \$800,000, according to the Department of Public Safety. The Office of Budget and Management has also drastically reduced the department's budget for fuel to \$18,000 for FY 2000 from the current appropriation of \$147,000. DPS burns approximately \$13,000 worth of fuel every month. Maintenance of patrol cars alone costs \$50,000 a year. The leases for patrol cars will expire in December 1999.

#### **Business sector still hurting**

Despite a slight improvement in tourist arrivals, most of the businesses on the island could still barely survive the effects of Asia's financial crisis, with earnings just enough to maintain the day-to-day operation. "It is still a roller coaster ride for most of us," said acting Saipan Chamber of Commerce president Gregg Kresge. The assessment on how business on the island are coping with the prolonged economic slowdown was conducted through a telephone survey among Chamber members last month. The survey was conducted to help the business sector in presenting a position paper in Washington D.C. for the scheduled U.S. Congress oversight hearing in September.

#### Aug. 4, 2000

#### **SGMA** to take action against erring members

In response to report of alleged work and entry violations by one of its members, the Saipan Garment Manufacturers Association, through acting chair Richard A. Pierce, said the group is continuously monitoring member-factories on the island. He also assured that actions will be taken against members who are found to be violating CNMI and federal laws. "First SGMA and the committees that operate within the oversight of its Code of Conduct are always active. Currently, we have three factories that are being investigated for possible violations of the Code, as a part of our normal work," he said in a statement yesterday

#### **NMC reorganizes CNMI CREES**

The Northern Marianas College became a land grant institution in November 1986. In April 1999, the former NMC Agriculture and Life Sciences (ALS) Unit was reorganized and renamed the CNMI Cooperative Research, Extension, and Education Service (CNMI-CREES). The newly reorganized components of the division are agricultural research and extension, family and consumer sciences, and classroom teaching. By combining the agricultural research and extension, NMC will: 1) promote multidisciplinary teams to overcome important problems faced by CNMI farmers; 2) improve the level of technical competence of the extension staff, and 3) better focus the efforts of the scientists on high priority research problems.

#### Aug. 4, 2003

#### 'Prioritize teaching materials'

House Speaker Heinz S. Hofschneider said a cursory examination of the actual needs of the Public School System would immediately make apparent what it sorely needs at the moment: Textbooks, teaching materials, and school equipment. Hence, he said it would make more sense for any additional funding for PSS to go toward the purchase of these materials, rather than salary hikes for teachersat least for the moment. "I think that one needs to go down to the schools and see what the inadequacies of those classrooms are and, based on that, we can all agree that priorities are in the classroom materials and the teaching tools, way above the need to really push for a salary increase at this time," Hofschneider said.

#### Eligible Filipino voters urged to register for '04 national polls

All Filipino citizens-overseas contract workers and U.S. permanent residents-in the Northern Marianas are reminded that the Philippine Consulate General has started the registration of eligible voters for the upcoming 2004 national elections in the country. The Philippine Consulate General in the CNMI, however, explained that Filipino immigrants-green card holders-who would register under the country's Republic Act 9189, or the Absentee Voting Act of 2003, are required to resume actual physical permanent residence in the Philippines within three years after they have voted. This means that Filipino immigrants who would vote in absentia in the May 10, 2204 elections have three years-or approximately until the year 2007-to resume permanent residence in the Philippines.

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#### **EDITORIAL**

### Deal beats default, but delays reckoning

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he deal that the White House and leaders on Capitol Hill struck to raise the national debt ceiling is a turkey. Yet with a disastrous default only hours away, members of Congress had no responsible choice but to get behind this ugly bird.

Even so, we can't help but compare this undersized and unbalanced deal, whose fate was still unclear at our deadline, with what might have been achieved if Congress and the president had been more committed to political compromise than combat.

The deal's bottom line—up to \$2.4 trillion in deficit reduction over the next decade—is far less than the \$4 trillion that bipartisan groups, including the Senate's Gang of Six, had proposed. The total might not be enough to avert a downgrade in the nation's credit rating, which could take a big bite of the deal's savings by hiking the government's annual interest costs. Talk about a hollow victory.

The deal calls for a first installment of savings, about \$900 billion worth, from spending cuts alone. It leaves untouched the more-than \$1 trillion per year in tax breaks benefiting individuals and businesses. That sound you heard Sunday night was the clink of champagne glasses from lobbyists toasting the deal.

The second installment of \$1.5 trillion in deficit reduction is left to a bipartisan "super committee" of lawmakers. We miss the days when Congress and the president didn't outsource tough decisions to ad hoc panels.

The committee's proposal could include changes in the tax code to raise more revenue, or reforms to slow spending growth in entitlement programs, including Medicare and Social Security. But if the panel deadlocks over these issues—not unlikely in the current toxic political environment—they would be dropped for another round of spending cuts worth \$1.2 trillion.

This disappointing deal reflects a broad failure of leadership that starts with President Obama. His own bipartisan debt commission produced a balanced plan last year that would have cut deficits by \$4 trillion.

The president virtually ignored that plan in his next budget proposal, which was unanimously rejected in the Senate. By the time he came around to his panel's approach, he had lost any advantage in talks with Republican leaders.

GOP House Speaker John Boehner, meanwhile, caved to the pressure from his party's anti-tax absolutists in demanding a one-sided plan. His hard line prolonged the stalemate, creating uncertainty and anxiety for consumers and businesses, and diminishing the United States' international reputation for economic leadership.

Washington's leaders came up with a flawed plan to avert default, not a lasting solution to the nation's budget problems. Americans deserved better.



### Mahalo from Aloha land

irst, the clouds.

We were set early Tuesday morning to flex our rotund midsection to the strums of the Hawaiian uke to "pearly shells" but when we showed up for the early Continental flight to Guam, we were rudely awakened by the fact that the Saipan flight to Oahu via Guahan is now considered a domestic flight, limiting free check-in luggage to one. I showed up with two pieces of files and materials, not having bothered perusing the fine print on the ticket bought in the Internet.

We've taken the flight before we shifted to going through Japan the last few years since we let loose sharp comments when we coincidentally were booked on the last Continental flight from Saipan to Manila as they ceased operating the route. The forgiving type, and knowing the shorter travel time to Diamond head via Hagatña, we decided to give Continental a second chance. The extra bag charge cost us 30 bowls of wonton soup where I hang my mitts! That's a pocketful of ¥uan!

With the U.S. visa-waver situation in the CNMI and Guam, one still has to go through Immigration officers but one does so for Homeland Security reasons. Fine distinction but it still felt like an international flight and I was ready to contest the additional bag charge. The recent hold on a Chinese on his way to Los Angeles on spurious documents through Japan indicates that there are forces that still exploit the gullible market for such documentation. It was getting into Hawaii that I finally "forgave" Continental for the extra luggage charge. We skipped Immigration altogether, and though we still had to get through Customs, the agricultural concern is justifiable.

The evening 15-minute raindrop was a welcome respite. We get that in Garapan, too, but part of the reason my two Shenyang wards returned early to the Manchurian plains was the muggy humidity that accompanies the heat in Saipan's tropical "rainforest" weather, lagoon winds notwithstanding. Dry heat in the plains of *Dong Bei* is as not as taxing as Arizona's oven heat in scorching summer, but China's northeast is carbon monoxide rich from the coal plants and that is a bother. Both our recent exposures on Manchuria and Saipan made coming into the Oahu airport such an exhilarating experience.

We left early morning Aug. 2 and landed early evening Aug. 1. So I celebrated *Liuliu*/double-six twice. My sister and hubby picked me up at the airport, immediately whisked us to a Pinoy restaurant where the genuine Ilocano *pinakbet* (assorted veggies) was *palayok* (earthen pot) dry, unlike the wet Tagalog/Pampango saucy versions. My Canadian daughter whose wedding I missed last year was there to don on us another *lei*. My nephew prints t-shirts for a hobby so I will have him make me one with *Maui'd and lei'd in Sao Wei Yi* (Hawaii) to wear in *Dong Bei!* 

One of the realities that heal our perennially damaged ta tu zi self-image (Chinese rotund) is coming out "petite" compared to the

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Hawaiian crowd. I used to joke that the reason I enjoyed hanging out with the four horsemen of the NMPASIcalypse was that, even with lean Greg, I actually look tiny in comparison. Of course, the guys' hearts and passion serving the cause of the differently-abled is equally stout, so if body and soul size is commensurate to vocational resolve, so be it. Same admiration and *mahalo* goes to Frank-Vivian-Elaine of the old PACA/STaRPO crowd, Vince-Bobbi-Larrisa-John-Marrisa of the AS-CNMI, and other colleagues in the autism field trying to wrestle that bull into reasonable manageability.

One of our colleagues appreciative of demand for authentic accountability of past events would not mind hearing of our intentions and projections about the tomorrow. Fair enough. In this series of "thank yous" to the Marianas on our exit, we shall endeavor to do that as well.

There is a preponderance of Polynesian motifs in our entertainment routines (regular practices are held at the Kilili pavilion on Beach Road for young hula/Tahitian dancers). We are part of the Hawaii connection, at least, historically since the whaling era and Uncle Sam's intrusion into the Micronesian basin.

Am-Cham deposed Hawaiian royalty as it drooled over the looming China market being carved out by Japan and the European powers a century ago, thus planning the settlement of the Philippines on "manifest destiny" when the American-Spanish war presented the opportunity, buying Guam as a coaling station in the process, and one gets the picture of how we became a feather on the Pentagon's cap.

JFK wanted us to become a part of the State of Hawaii, but what was not politically done was nevertheless militarily and commercially accomplished. So *Aloha's* rainbow rises tall on Tinian as well.

That Saipan-to-Honolulu via Guam is now a domestic flight may very well signal a new era of cooperation and collaboration in our historic ties to Aloha land. Why not? The late *Lijun Deng* (Teresa Tang) sang a plaintive version of "Pearly Shells" in *Putonghua* that I then put English words to so Chinese language learners are mouthing English to the tune of *Sao Wei Yi*. Dancing the Hula is next. We hula in the Marianas, too, and we are grateful. Chailang will show you how, if you do not yet know. Swing that hip, Maya! *Mahalo nui loa!* 

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# Turning lemons into lemonade

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prominent businessman had developed agriculturally related businesses and was doing well locally. He was located on an island in the Pacific that didn't have a lot of air traffic, and he planned to expand his distribution outside his small geographic area for more sales. However, the cost of shipping was prohibitively high and forced his marked up prices to not be as competitive as some suppliers.

At this point, the average person would just give up and consign themselves to sell their goods locally, and keep their current operations small to save on overhead. However, Tony Pellegrino is anything but average and he has demonstrated his willingness to take bold steps to overcome obstacles that have stopped others in their tracks. His Cargo Air Bridge, or CAB, is an innovative project that has the goal to reduce shipping cost both to other places, and also back to Saipan. In other words, it will not only benefit farmers, but it will also help reduce the costs of numerous other products that are priced higher on Saipan due to high shipping costs.

When Tony introduced his concept at a lunch meeting I held with several leaders in the community, I could immediately see the benefit and decided to split the BizGrowth Challenge seminar into two days so that one day could be focused for farmers, and Tony could publicly announce his concept at the event.

CAB will benefit not only Saipan, but also Tinian, and Rota farmers, and it will hopefully spur more people to farm their land, as well as get current farmers to expand their operations. If it goes as well as some predict, it could create the second industry that Saipan desperately needs. There is already a local base of farmers that can provide produce to satisfy the growing demand on Guam, and it should encourage more people to start farming their land to reap the benefits offered by the CAB. This means it is a sustainable business with great future potential, and best of all, it is not as susceptible to external factors, such as tourism, garment factories, and the newly resurrected casino initiative.

Business owners face many challenges that stand as obstacles between them and their goals to grow their business. Some see these obstacles as "lemons" that leaves them sour. Those with the right mindset and strategy know how to turn those lemons into lemonade, or take a challenge and turn it into an opportunity.

The first step is to be clear about the challenge and what's holding you back. Without that clarity, it is difficult to focus on solutions because you will tend to pursue various problems and apply whatever tactics that look good at the moment. Having a fixed challenge in your mind allows you to stay focused and then direct your resources more effectively.

Once you identify your biggest challenge, turn it into a statement or question that will allow you and your brainstorming group to focus on the minor obstacles you face to overcome the biggest challenge. Using the above example, if you grow vegetables and want to sell to another location, but you are unable to sell them competitively because the shipping costs puts your produce at a higher price

than the competition, you could turn your challenge into this question: How can I gain a competitive advantage and sell more of my products in a larger market?

Now you can list the obstacles that are in your way. These might include: I don't have enough goods to get lower bulk shipping rates, there is no union or group effort to negotiate better prices and solve major concerns, shipping costs are too high, I don't have equipment to improve the efficiency of my operations, etc.

The next step is to turn each obstacle into a goal by restating the obstacles as if you've already achieved them. In the above example, the obstacles would be restated as follows: I grow a large enough amount of produce that allows me to get lower shipping rates, I work with a group of other farmers to negotiate better prices and solve major concerns, shipping costs have been lowered, and I have access to the equipment that allows me to improve the efficiency of my operations.

Now you need to rearrange the list in the right order, and ask questions such as: What if my goals were three times bigger, what if I had to accomplish this in half the time, what would need to change? By asking questions that cause you to think outside of the box, you'll find shortcuts that will allow you to find solutions that are much better and possibly take care of several obstacles/goals at once.

It's obvious that Tony came up with one solution by securing an aircraft that is dedicated to shipping cargo back and forth at a much reduced costs. However, the next challenge will be for the farmers to step up and grow more produce to improve the efficiency of operations so the aircraft is filled to capacity on each flight. The solutions to achieve the other goals could be: Create a farmer's co-op that coordinates the efforts of the major producers, and get a grant or have farmers pool their money to collectively purchase a tractor with other equipment that can be shared through the co-op. These may still be in the works, and once they are resolved, it will hopefully mark an initial turning point in the economy.

#### Letters to the Editor

# More urban blight or a thriving golf resort?

As we drive around the island today, we are faced everywhere with sights akin to urban blight: abandoned garment factories, shuttered stores and business buildings with *for sale* and *for rent* signs, vacant houses, and overgrown empty lots.

The government is currently faced with the decision of adding yet another once viable business venture and properties to that blight or taking advantage of a golden opportunity to transform a crumbling set of properties to a state even better than that of its heyday in the early '90s, namely Coral Ocean Point Golf Resort.

I've had personal experience with COP in both instances. First, when it was thriving and when our daughter, Gloria, was personal secretary to Suwaso Corp. We have many fond memories of those days, when local residents not only played golf there, but headed down there in the evening to the lounge to listen to Sam Joyner on the piano and take in the magnificent views from the upper level lounge overlooking the ocean and Tinian. When I worked at Northern Marianas College, COP's conference room was the place of choice for training and conferences, not only because of the appeal of the conference room itself, but also because of the outstanding service and attractive rates. We even had numerous college-wide evening parties there poolside. And unknown to many, it was in those years that Julio Iglecias took a break from an Asian tour and, along with his entourage, jetted in to our airport in his private jet to spend a couple of nights at COP and do some very quiet R&R. (Want proof of Julio's stay? Just ask Rex Moses, front desk manager back then.)

Contrast those days of glory to today's COP. This summer, all our kids and grandkids spent the summer here on Saipan, which brought the whole clan together at one place for the first time in many years. Our expanded family now includes six golfers, and excludes me. While here, several golf outings occurred and the plan was to include COP in one of those outings. However, after arriving at the golf course there and being confronted with the lack of service and general malaise of the club house and hotel, our family members left and headed to a local golf course which they knew from the experience of a few days earlier to be in much better condition.

When they described the condition of COP to me later in the day, I reminded them of its glory days. Just a few days before the departure of three of the golfers, a close local friend convinced them to try COP again. This time they actually got onto the course and were overwhelmed with the layout of the course itself and upon returning

back to our home, they enthusiastically described what potential the course had and how woeful the current downslide to the property was. That ensuing discussion was with our son-in-law, who as GM for the top golf resort in the state of Hawaii, is an expert on golf course resort management.

This latter golfing experience and discussion was just two weeks prior to learning that it now looks very promising that COP can be brought back to its former level of quality and even better, while generating an increased number of tourists and more jobs at the resort coupled with construction, services, and increased government revenues.

The chance for the CNMI to take advantage of this opportunity to turn an enterprise resembling our crumbling garment factories is *today*, when the owner of the resort is seeking to extend the expiring 40-year lease an additional 15 years.

Possibly unknown to many community members is the fact that two essential properties that make up the entire golf course are pri-

vately owned, and Suwaso has already acquired long-term rights to these properties. Without the 15-year government lease, the golf course will be forced to close (due to the privately owned properties now being unavailable to any other developer) and we have yet another property that will look like La Fiesta Mall.

Still another factor in favor of this new Suwaso Corp becoming a viable business venture is that a significant portion of the corporation is owned by local entrepreneurs whom I personally know to be exceptionally reputable and whose remarkable parents I've known for decades

So what will it be? Another property to add to Saipan's urban blight? Or a place we can all once again take pride in and frequent—even for activities other than golf, not to mention the economic benefits.

#### Ivan Propst

Susupe, Saipan

### Mr. Keiper's folly

The letter that appeared yesterday by Franklin Keiper of Arizona was entirely misleading. I don't usually respond to such letters, but this one begs a short response.

First, the newly elected President of Brazil, Dilma Rouseff, was a former Marxist guerilla. She is *not* currently classified as a "communist" nor did she run on a communist ticket. She served *with* former two-term President Luiz Inacio Lula DA Silva who was barred from running for a third term (just as U.S. Presidents are), but who left with the highest approval rating in history—over 80 percent.

As to your "spending" figures: You are totally mistaken. George Bush's yearly expenditure (budget) in his last year was \$3.1 trillion. Obama's budget in this last year was \$3.97 trillion. The budget was actually implemented by *Congress*, not the President. The per day spending level of the current government is slightly less than \$20 billion—not the \$4.5 trillion you stated. Under Bush, it was \$15.5 billion, not the \$1.2 trillion you stated.

As to which newscast to watch? Independent rating specialists say you should watch a variety of them—but Fox News has been consistently rated as the single most prejudiced and one-sided news of them all. Perhaps this is where you are coming from.

Dr. Thomas D. Arkle Jr.

Winter Haven, FL

### One-sided story

With due respect to Franklin Keiper, I don't watch Fox News channel. When all U.S colleges and universities were polled last year, Fox News was perceived to be the most dishonest of all.

A Congressional Budget Office report released this month showed that U.S. agencies spent a total of \$85 billion on contractors of all types in Iraq from 2003 through 2007—about 20 percent of all U.S. spending for operations in the country during that period. That's an unacceptable lack of clarity, says Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa., who chairs the House subcommittee that controls defense spending. Precise data on the extent of U.S. spending on mercenary services is nearly impossible to obtain—by both journalists and elected officials—but some in Congress estimate that up to 40 cents of every tax dollar spent on the war goes to corporate war contractors. How much money is being spent just on mercenaries remains largely classified. Congressional sources estimate the United States has spent at least \$6 billion in Iraq (http://www.newscorp.com).

Mr. Keiper, Americans will never know how much money was spent in Iraq because the Republicans' excuse was that the defense spending data was destroyed when one of the hijacked planes hit the Pentagon. That is not a good excuse for Americans but I have no reason to believe your own statistic because it's out of whack, fuzzy math if you get your facts from Fox News. I do watch the Washington Journal news, better known as C-SPAN, because they're very down-to-earth and more civil newsmakers. At the same time I prefer to do my own research and be informed and up to date daily.

Jack O. Romolor

Portland, OR

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### The Weather

#### 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian



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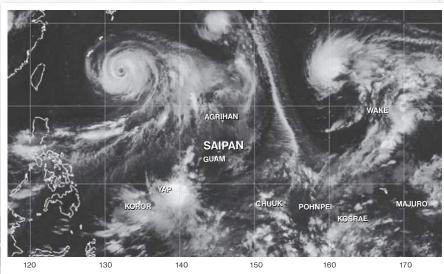
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Chuuk	Rain	<b>▲</b> 82	<b>▼</b> 76
Pohnpei	Rain	<b>▲</b> 82	<b>▼</b> 75
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	<b>▲</b> 86	<b>▼</b> 78
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New York	Showers	<b>▲</b> 79	<b>▼</b> 68
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Paris	Partly Cloudy	<b>▲</b> 75	<b>▼</b> 62
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Rome	Sunny	<b>≜</b> 85	<b>▼</b> 68
Salem	Sunny	<b>▲</b> 86	▼58
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	<b>▲</b> 66	▼54
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#### Yesterday's Satellite Image



#### **PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2011**

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Typhoon Muifa (11W) is centered east-southeast of Okinawa near 24N133E moving northwest at 8 mph with maximum sustained winds of 125 mph. Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are found within 125 miles of the center. Scattered showers and thunderstorms are also occurring farther out over Iwo To or north of a line from 15N130E to 19N143E. For more information on Typhoon Muifa, see advisories issued by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ32 PGUM or bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN32 PGTW. A nearequatorial trough runs eastward from 6N130E through a weak circulation centered south of Guam at 6N145E to just north of Chuuk at 8N152E to finally end at EQ163E. Winds converging on the northwest side of the circulation are producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over Koror and Yap within 175 miles of a line from 4N132E to 11N142E. Winds converging near and south of the trough axis are causing scattered showers over Chuuk and Kosrae but south of Pohnpei or south of a line from 7N144E to 9N152E to 5N158E to 5N166E. A circulation is centered northwest of Wake Island at 23N163E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are located between 22N and 25N from 158E to 180 and also between 14N and 22N from 167E to 170E. Trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms east of Majuro between 7N and 10N from 173E to the dateline

### **Tides** Saipan Harbor

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### Business

### Americans cut spending for first time in 20 months

WASHINGTON(AP)—Americans cut their spending in June for the first time in nearly two years after seeing their incomes grow by the smallest amount in nine months. The latest data offered a troubling sign for an economy that is adding few jobs and barely growing.

Consumer spending dropped 0.2 percent in June, the Commerce Department said Tuesday. It was the first decline since September 2009.

Some of the decline was the result of food and energy prices moderating after sharp increases earlier this year. When excluding spending on those items, consumer spending was flat.

Still, consumers also cut back on big-ticket items, such as cars and appliances, which help drive growth.

Incomes rose 0.1 percent, the smallest gain since September. Many people are also pocketing more of their paychecks. The personal savings rate rose to 5.4 percent of after-tax incomes, the highest level since August 2010.

The data confirmed last week's report that showed the economy expanded at an annual rate of just 1.3 percent in the spring after only 0.4 percent growth in the first



In this photo taken July 7, 2011, a "Price Reduced" sign is displayed on a house in Palo Alto, Calif.

three months of the year. It also highlighted that consumer spending softened at the end of the April-June quarter, which could mean the sluggish economy is worsening.

Stocks fell after the report was released. The Dow Jones industrial average dropped more than 100 points in morning trading. Broader indexes also declined.

"The recent run of weak economic news has made us more concerned that any rebound will be more modest than previously looked likely," said Paul Dales, senior U.S. economist at Capital **Economics** 

High gas prices and unemployment have squeezed household budgets this spring. Many Americans are cutting back on purchases of cars, furniture, appliances and electronics. Consumer spending is closely watched because it accounts for

70 percent of economic activity.

Employers have responded by reducing hiring. The economy added just 18,000 net jobs in June, the fewest in nine months. The unemployment rate rose to 9.2 percent, the highest level this year.

The government issues its July employment report on Friday.

Businesses are creating fewer jobs despite reporting strong earnings and sitting on large cash reserves.

"What worries me is that businesses are deriving their strong earnings growth through nomic Advisors.

productivity gains, limited wage increases and foreign activities," said Joel Naroff of Naroff Eco-

### Moody's backs US triple-A rating; outlook negative

WASHINGTON Moody's Investors Service said Tuesday that the United States will retain its triple-A bond rating following passage of legislation to boost the debt ceiling. But the agency put a "negative" outlook on the rating, raising the

specter of a future downgrade. Moody's said in a statement that the bill signed into law by President Barack Obama dealt with the immediate threat of a default that would have resulted from a failure to raise the country's borrowing limit.

But the agency assigned a negative outlook to the triple-A rating to indicate that there is still a risk of a downgrade if the government's fiscal discipline weakens or the economy deteriorates significantly.

A credit-rating downgrade typically leads to higher interest rates, and would have a huge impact on the economy by making it more expensive for the government, companies

and consumers to borrow money. Moody's has never given the U.S. government anything lower than its top rating since it began evaluating the country's debt in 1917.

Earlier in the day, fellow ratings agency Fitch Ratings said that the action by Congress to boost the debt ceiling and make spending cuts was an important first step but "not the end of the process."

Fitch said it expects to conclude its review of its U.S. debt rating by the end of August. Officials at Fitch suggested that they are looking for more progress in attacking the federal government's debt problems.

Moody's in its announcement noted that the legislation signed by Obama called for \$917 billion in specific spending cuts over the next decade and established a special congressional committee charged with making recommendations to achieve an additional \$1.5 trillion in deficit reduction over the next 10 years.

### Latest developments in the debt ceiling standoff

the deadline, Congress on Tuesday raised the federal borrowing limit or the government would have run out of money and possibly defaulted on its debt.

Tuesday's developments: The Senate, by a 74-26 vote, passed emergency legislation to avoid a first-ever government default. President Barack Obama signed it about an hour later. The measure trims spending by more than \$2 trillion, and the debt ceiling itself would rise by nearly the same amount. No tax increases were included in

Markets react: The stock market was preoccupied with signs of weakness in the economy, and the Dow dropped more than 200 points. The passage of the measure on the debt ceiling apparently reinforced general worries about the economy.

What's next: Obama signaled that Congress still needs to find

With hours remaining before a balanced approach to reducing the deficit that includes some adjustments to Medicare and reforming the tax code so the wealthy pay more. A new bipartisan super committee of 12 lawmakers picked over the next two weeks will start the search for at least \$1.2 trillion more in deficit cuts over the next de-

Moody's Investors Service says the United States will retain its triple-A bond rating following passage of legislation to boost the debt ceiling. But the rating agency says it is lowering the outlook for possible future changes to negative.

#### Some background Q: What is the debt ceiling?

**A:** It's a legal limit on how much debt the government can accumulate. The government takes on debt two ways: It borrows money from investors by issuing Treasury bonds, and

it borrows from itself, mostly from the Social Security trust fund, which comes from payroll taxes. Congress created the debt limit in 1917. It's unique to the United States. Most countries let their debts rise automatically when government spending outpaces tax revenue. Congress has increased the debt limit 10 times since 2001.

#### Q: What is the federal deficit, and how does it

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#### differ from the debt?

**A:** The deficit is how much government spending exceeds tax revenue during a year. Last year, the deficit was \$1.29 trillion. The debt is the sum of deficits past and present. Right now, the national debt totals \$14.3 trillion—a ceiling set in 2010.

#### Q: Why is the prospect of not raising the debt ceiling so worrisome?

**A:** The government now bor-

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Debt ceiling - Increases in debt ceiling Actual debt B Measures would A bipartisan committee A President Barack Obama be put in place would be charged with would have the to raise the ceiling recommending additional authority to raise the an additional cuts; depending on the ceiling \$400 billion amount cut, the ceiling could \$500 billion as soon as September go up another \$1.2 trillion to \$1.5 trillion by the end **Current ceiling** of the year \$14.3 trillion

Source: U.S. Department of the Treasury, White House Office of Management and Budget Graphic: Chicago Tribune © 2011 MCT

rows more than 40 cents of each dollar it spends. If the debt ceiling does not rise, the government would need to choose what to pay and what not, including benefits like Social Security, wages for the military or other bills. It also might delay interest payments on Treasury bonds. Any default could lead to financial panic weakening the country's credit rating, the dollar and the already hobbled economy. Inter-

est rates would likely rise, increasing the cost of borrowing for the government and ordinary Americans.

#### Q: Who holds the \$14.3 trillion in outstanding U.S. debt?

**A:** The U.S. government owes itself \$4.6 trillion, mostly borrowed from Social Security revenues. The remaining \$9.7 trillion is owed to investors in Treasury securities—banks, pension funds, individual investors, state and local governments and foreign investors and governments. Nearly half of that—\$4.5 trillion—is held by foreigners including China with \$1.15 trillion and

Japan with \$907 billion.

#### Q: How did the debt grow from \$5.8 trillion in 2001 to its current \$14.3 trillion?

**A:** The biggest contributors to the nearly \$9 trillion increase over a decade were:

- 2001 and 2003 tax cuts under President George W. Bush: \$1.6 trillion.
- Additional interest costs: \$1.4 trillion.
- Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan: \$1.3 trillion.
- Economic stimulus package under Obama: \$800 billion.
- 2010 tax cuts, a compromise by Obama and Republicans that extended jobless benefits and cut payroll taxes: \$400 billion.
- 2003 creation of Medicare's prescription drug benefit: \$300 billion.
- 2008 financial industry bailout: \$200 billion.
- Hundreds of billions less in revenue than expected since the Great Recession began in December 2007.
- Other spending increases in domestic, farm and defense programs, adding lesser amounts.

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South Korean Won	1060.38
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Taiwan Dollar	28.913
Thailand Baht	29.795

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### **Nation**

#### ACROSS THE NATION

#### Judge asked to unseal **Casey Anthony** case documents

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)—A newspaper is asking a Florida judge to make public most of the sealed documents from the trial of Casev Anthony, who left jail last month after being acquitted of a murder charge in the death of her 2-year-old daughter. The Orlando Sentinel filed a request Tuesday for all sealed documents except the jurors' list. It said documents sought include a list of how defense attorneys spent about \$200,000 before Anthony was declared indigent and taxpayers then footed her legal bills. Anthony disappeared from public view after a jury acquitted her in the death of her daughter Caylee. But she may have to return to Orlando later this week after a judge said Anthony, now that she has been released, must serve a year of probation involving check fraud charges in an unrelated case.

#### **Autopsy results expected Tuesday on NH girl**

STEWARTSTOWN, N.H. (AP)—As authorities tried to determine how an 11-yearold girl wound up dead in a river near her house, her neighbors considered canceling their annual children's fair. Instead, they decided to go forward and to dedicate the weekend event to the memory of Celina Cass. State police and the town board of selectmen recommended the community hold the Stewartstown Days event despite the fifth-grader's unexplained death. "It's still a scary place for our children. They need something that's on a little happier note for them," Patricia Grover, who is on the two-day event's organizing committee, told The Associated Press. Celina was reported missing on July 26. Her body was recovered Monday near a hydroelectric dam in the Connecticut River, a quarter-mile from her home.

#### **Indian tribe** in Wash. approves same-sex marriage

**SEATTLE** (AP)—An American Indian Tribe in Washington state has adopted a law recognizing gay marriage, making it only the second tribe in the country known to do so. The Suguamish Tribal Council voted Monday to extend marriage rights to samesex couples on its reservation near Seattle, after the measure gained support from more than 100 tribal members at a meeting this spring. The new law allows the tribal court to issue a marriage license to two unmarried people, regardless of their sex, if they're at least 18 years old and at least one of them is enrolled in the tribe. It will be up to other courts to decide if unions granted under the Suguamish ordinance will be recognized elsewhere in Washington, said the tribe's attorney, Michelle Hansen.

#### **Rapid City police:** 1 officer dead, 2 injured

RAPID CITY, S.D (AP)—One police officer has been killed and two wounded in a shootout with a man in Rapid City, S.D. Police Chief Steve Allender says the shooting began Tuesday afternoon after three officers "came into contact with a group of four people" whose behavior he described as "suspicious." At some point, he said, one man pulled a gun. Allender says at least one officer returned fire and the suspect was struck. Allender says the suspect is undergoing surgery. It was Rapid City's first fatal shooting of a police officer since 1985.

# Giffords' political future still uncertain

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Like many ceiling in earlier years, but the final out-Americans, Rep. Gabrielle Giffords of Arizona was watching with a sense of disgust in recent days as lawmakers on Capitol Hill flirted with the notion of defaulting on the country's debt.

"Just get it done," she said aloud, according to spokesman, C.J. Karamargin.

She considered Monday's vote so momentous that she insisted on taking part in it, stunning colleagues when she walked into the House chamber for the first time since being shot in the head in Tucson last January.

"I think that 'just-get-it-done' sentiment is something a lot of people shared. That ultimately is what motivated her to go to Washington and participate in this historic vote," Karamargin said

Before the shooting, Giffords had twice voted against raising the debt

comes of those votes were not in doubt. She issued a statement after the vote that she could not take a chance that her absence this time around could prevent an increase in the debt ceiling and put the nation at risk of defaulting.

Giffords voted for the bill, which passed 269-161.

Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, who exchanged what she called "girl hugs" with Giffords on the House floor, said she did not encourage Giffords to come to Washington because she didn't believe the outcome would hinge on a single vote, as when Sen. Ted Kennedy, while battling a brain tumor, returned to the Senate floor in 2008 to cast a decisive vote on Medicare legislation.

"She felt so strongly about it that she wanted to come and we are really very, very proud that she did," Pelosi said. "It was a great moment. When the green light went up on the screen even more drama to a high-stakes day. next to her name, it was a highly emotional moment for us."

Karamargin said Giffords met privately with her staff in Washington on Tuesday morning. She then left for Houston, where she is continuing to undergo outpatient therapy to help her recover from the shooting.

Arizona politicians are eagerly awaiting a decision on whether Giffords is going to seek re-election in 2012. Karamargin said Tuesday she wants to remain in Congress, but it depends on the progress of her recovery.

"Going to Washington to cast a vote that's absolutely critical to the country doesn't change the fact she still has work to do in her recovery," Karamargin said.

Whatever it said about her future in politics, Giffords' entrance, with just minutes remaining in the vote, added

The Arizona Democrat responded to the attention with a smile, blowing kisses and mouthing the words "thank you" several times.

Surprised and joyful colleagues made their way through a cluster of Democratic lawmakers to greet Giffords. She used her left hand to greet some, but has had limited use of her right arm since the shooting.

Her hair was dark and closely cropped, and she wore glasses, a fardifferent image from the one Americans saw seven months ago when she was sworn in for a third term by House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio.

The latest financial reports show the Arizona Democrat with more than \$787,000 in the bank at the end of June, thanks to friends and colleagues who have raised money to ensure she has the resources for a campaign.

#### Calif. death, 76 illnesses linked to ground turkey

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government is scrambling to find the source of a salmonella outbreak likely linked to ground turkey that has killed one and sickened dozens more.

Finding the source of an outbreak hasn't been easy; the government has been chasing the illnesses for months. The Agriculture Department, which oversees meat safety, said it is still investigating who produced the meat, and the department hasn't initiated a recall.

California state health officials said Tuesday that the one death was in Sacramento County. Seventy-six people in 26 states have been made sick from the same strain of the disease.

The illnesses date back to March, and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Monday that cultures of ground turkey from four retail locations between March 7 and June 27 showed contamination with the same strain of salmonella, though those samples were not specifically linked to the illnesses. The agency said preliminary information showed that three of those samples have been linked to the same production establishment but it did not name the retailers or the manufacturers.

Though the government would not comment, a spokesman for the Minnesota-based meat company Cargill said Tuesday that it had been contacted by the Agriculture Department as part of the investigation.

"We have been contacted by FSIS for information about ground turkey processing, which we have provided for their ongoing investigation into Salmonella illnesses," said Michael Martin, referring to the department's Food Safety and Inspection Service.

A spokesman for another large, Minnesota-based producer ground turkey, Hormel, said Tuesday that the company had not been contacted by USDA about the current investigation.

The silence so far from govern-

ment officials may be attributed to USDA rules that make it harder to investigate and recall salmonellatainted poultry. Because salmonella is common in poultry, it is not illegal for meat to be tainted with the pathogen. Officials must directly link the salmonella illnesses with a certain producer or establishment, which is difficult to do because people don't always remember what they ate or where they bought it.

In this case, it appears that officials haven't been able to prove the link between the samples of salmonella they found—even though they are the same strain—and the 77 people who were sickened

### Video shows Nancy Garrido luring girl into van

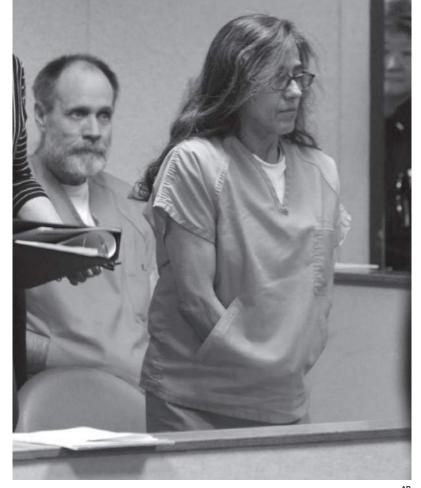
SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Disturbing new video released Tuesday shows the wife of convicted kidnapper and rapist Phillip Garrido luring a young girl into the couple's van, asking her to do the splits and videotaping her, two years after the couple kidnapped 11year-old Jaycee Dugard.

The videos were released by El Dorado District Attorney Vern Pierson, along with a report highlighting failures in the criminal justice system that allowed Phillip Garrido to roam free despite warnings, and snatch Dugard off a street in South Lake Tahoe in 1991.

He held her for 18 years, raped her and fathered two children with her while holding her captive in a backyard compound in the San Francisco Bay area town of Antioch.

Pierson said "law enforcement failed to see Phillip Garrido for what and who he truly is ... evil" and outlined a number of startling details that show how the enterprising Garrido gamed the parole system.

The report outlines dozens of failures by counselors and psychiatrists, including in 1994 when it was learned that Garrido wore a prosthetic penis during drug screenings. "Garrido would wear a fake penis and use warm Mountain Dew to fool the urine tests conducted with this counselor,"



In this June 2, 2011 file photo, Nancy Garrido takes a seat as her husband, Phillip Garrido, background, looks on at the El Dorado County Superior Court in Placerville, Calif.

the report states.

Yet his parole was not revoked, and he and his wife Nancy continued looking for victims.

In one newly released video, shot in 1993, Nancy Garrido asks a young girl to do the splits while she videotapes it.

"That's it. Can you go all the way down?" Nancy says to the girl, who is blurred out in the video released by authorities.

The girl says she can go down farther.

"Let me see, I bet you can go down really easy," Nancy Garrido said.

When the girl notices a light on the camera, she asks Nancy Garrido about it.

"I don't know anything about that camera," says Nancy, quickly changing the subject.

In a separate interrogation video, Nancy Garrido told a detective she made 10 to 20 of these videos for her husband.

Garrido was sentenced to 431 years to life in prison after pleading guilty. Nancy Garrido was sentenced to 36 vears to life.

The report says Garrido should not have been freed from prison in 1988, where he was serving a 50-year federal sentence and a five-years-to-life Nevada state sentence for a previous kidnapping and rape. Pierson said the parole system relied too heavily on psychiatric advice in determining Garrido's suitability for parole.

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### Asia

# Bomb blast kills 1, wounds 12 in Philippines

(AP)—Al-Qaida-linked militants are among the suspects in a powerful bomb blast that killed one person and wounded 12 others in the southern Philippines, the military said Wednesday.

The bomb, made of four 81 mm mortar rounds and detonated by cellphone, went off on a parked motorcycle in front of a gun store in Cotabato City on Tuesday, officials said.

A security guard on his way to work was killed while shrapnel and glass splinters from shattered window panes wounded 12 others, including a 7-yearold girl, Cotabato city police chief Superintendent Roberto Badian said.

No one has claimed responsibility for the attack but army ordnance experts reported that the bomb design closely resembled those used by suspected Muslim guerrillas and militants belonging to the Southeast Asian terrorist network Jemaah Islamiyah in at least three recent attacks, said re-



Criminal investigators gather evidence at a site where an improvised bomb exploded at Cotabato city, southern Philippines on Tuesday Aug. 2, 2011.

### hina lashes out at Manila over island claims

MANILA, Philippines (AP)— The Philippines said Wednesday it would press its territorial claims in the South China Sea in accordance with international law before the United Nations, dismissing Chinese criticism that Manila is insincere in resolving the long-simmering disputes.

The ruling Communist Party's flagship newspaper People's Daily said Tuesday that recent construction work by Philippine troops on an island claimed by Manila violates the spirit of a preliminary agreement reached last month to resolve disputes in the South China Sea.

That shows Manila had merely been putting on "a little show," the paper said in a signed editorial. China won't sit idly by while its territory is swallowed up by others, it said. China claims the South China Sea and all its islands as its territory.

"Were there to be a serious strategic miscalculation on this matter, the due consequences would have to be paid," the newspaper said.

Philippine Foreign Secretary Albert del Rosario did not directly address the new Chinese accusation but said Manila was committed to a "rules-based regime and to a peaceful resolution" of the disputes.

"We maintain that what is ours is ours and are prepared to validate our position in accordance with international law, specifically UNCLOS," del Rosario said, referring to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

"We invite China to do the same," he said in a brief state-

China has said it prefers to settle the disputes through bilateral negotiations with other claimants.

The agreement reached between China and the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations last month

sought to lower tensions that have spiked in recent months over territorial disputes in the potentially resource-rich South China Sea between the Philippines, China and Vietnam.

Manila and Hanoi complain that increasingly assertive Chinese ships have interfered with their oil-exploration efforts or bullied crews, something Beijing denies. Taiwan, Malaysia and Brunei have also laid claim to overlapping areas.

China has used force in the past to kick Vietnamese troops out of territory it claims, although recent disputes have largely been peaceful.

#### Prudencio Asto.

Police also have no suspects but are looking into reports that the owner of the gun store was involved in a land dispute, said police regional operations chief Felicisimo Khu Jr.

Cotabato City Administrator

gional army spokesman Col. Cynthia Guiani Sayadi called the bombing "barbaric and un-Islamic" and noted it occurred during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

> The predominantly Muslim region has been hit by bomb attacks blamed on Muslim guerrillas and extortion gangs.

#### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Taliban suicide bomber kills 4 in Afghanistan Afghanistan

(AP)—A suicide bomber blew up his car outside a compound frequented by foreigners in northern Afghanistan on Tuesday, killing four guards, as two other militants stormed the building and battled Afghan police. The Taliban claimed responsibility for the assault in Kunduz city—the latest in a rising number of attacks in northern Afghanistan. The blast damaged several buildings nearby, and flames could be seen shooting up an exterior wall. Shattered glass and a severed leg lay on the ground, while other body parts had been collected and tied up in a blanket. Four Afghan guards were killed and 10 other people, including an Afghan policeman, were wounded.

#### Japan utility seals area with high radiation level

TOKYO (AP)—The operator of Japan's damaged nuclear power plant says an area where potentially lethal levels of radiation were detected has been sealed. Tokyo Electric Power Co. said Tuesday radiation exceeded 10 sieverts at two locations near a duct connected to a ventilation stack between two reactor units at the Fukushima Dai-ichi plant. TEPCO says no one has been injured. The area required no immediate work and was closed off. It also said radiation levels around the complex were not rising. That's a sign the duct wasn't leaking. TEPCO said melted fuel in the No. 1 reactor might have collected inside the duct after leaking from the containment vessel during venting early in the crisis. The plant was crippled by an earthquake and tsunami March 11.

#### **NKorea launches** massive dance and gymnastics show

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)— North Korea has launched a massive synchronized dance and gymnastics show meant to glorify its leaders and unify its people ahead of a crucial anniversary next year. Organizers say up to 100,000 people will participate in the Arirang show. The performance comes as the North prepares for next year's centennial of the birth of North Korean founder Kim Il Sung. Footage from Associated Press Television News in Pyongyang showed a large torch bursting into flames on the roof of a stadium Monday. Children performed a gymnastics routine of cartwheels, flips and splits, and a huge fountain lit up in pink and blue shot water high into the night sky. The first Arirang show was in 2002 and has been performed annually since 2007.

#### Vietnam dissident's 7-vear sentence upheld

HANOI, Vietnam (AP)—An appeals court upheld the seven-year prison sentence for the dissident son of one of Vietnam's founding revolutionaries Tuesday, despite arguments that his support for a multiparty system did not mean he was against the Communist Party. The ruling against Cu Huy Ha Vu drew immediate criticism from activists and the U.S. government, which said it had serious concerns about human rights in Vietnam despite its improving relations with Hanoi. Vu, a human rights lawyer educated in France, said he was innocent of charges including spreading propaganda against the state and called the case against him a conspiracy.

#### **Shanghai official** punished for fire that killed 58

BEIJING (AP)—A Shanghai court sentenced a district official to 16 years in prison on Tuesday for corruption and abuse of authority over a high-rise fire that killed 58 people last year, state media said. The criminal conviction of Gao Weizhong, former director of the Construction and Transport Committee of Shanghai's Jing'an District, was the first to be meted out for anyone linked to the blaze. Trials are expected against two dozen people. The No. 2 Intermediate People's Court of Shanghai sentenced after convicting him of illegally granting a renovation contract to a company that subcontracted the work out to unqualified businesses, the official Xinhua News Agency said.

### Troops deployed after 34 killed in

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP)— Authorities called in paramilitary soldiers and police to quell political and criminal violence in Pakistan's largest city Tuesday after 34 people were killed here in less that two days, officials said.

Violence in Karachi, a sprawling port city of 18 million, has added to the political instability in the nuclear-armed, U.S.-allied nation and provided another distraction for the government as it fights a Talibanled insurgent movement. It also undercuts Pakistan's struggling economy, because Karachi serves as the country's main commercial hub.

Police have found bodies scattered across different parts of the city since Monday morning, some riddled with bullets and others that showed signs of torture

and were tied up in gunny sacks, said Sharufuddin Memon, the security adviser to the chief minister of Sindh province.

Karachi, which is the capital of Sindh, has a long history of political, ethnic and sectarian violence, and much of the fighting is blamed on gangs allegedly affiliated with the city's main political parties.

"There are political rivalries in the city, but criminal elements like drug and land mafias capitalize on the situation, making the things worse," Memon said.

He said that 11 people were gunned down Tuesday, and 23 were killed the day before. The killings fit into a broader pattern of violence in Karachi that claimed the lives of more than 300 people in July, he said.

In an attempt to contain the violence, authorities have called

in 1,000 paramilitary troops from the Frontier Corps and also police from the Frontier Constabulary, Memon said.

The recent bout of violence followed a decision in late June by the Muttahida Qaumi Movement, the city's most powerful political party, to leave the federal coalition led by the Pakistan People's Party and join the opposition.

Fighting intensified in mid-July after Zulfiqar Mirza, a senior member of the People's Party, lashed out at the head of the MQM. Mirza called Altaf Hussain a murderer and an extortionist and also maligned the city's Urdu-speaking community that makes up the party's base-although he later apologized.

A large number of MQM's supporters are Urdu-speaking descendants of those people

who came to Karachi from India soon after the birth of Pakistan in 1947. The party dominates politics in urban areas of Sindh, including Karachi, but over time it has seen challenges to its power from the People's Party and the Awami National Party, a Pashtun nationalist party.

There were at least 490 political, ethnic and sectarian killings in Karachi during the first half of the year, and more than 1,100 killings of all kinds, according to the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan.

Also Tuesday, a suspected U.S. drone fired two missiles at a car near the Afghan border, killing four alleged militants, said Pakistani intelligence officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief the media.

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### World

# Italy recalls ambassador to Syria

ROME (AP)—Italy has recalled its ambassador to Syria to protest the repression of antigovernment demonstrations, urging other European nations do the same, and Russia said it would not oppose a U.N. resolution to condemn the violence.

Italy is the first European Union country to withdraw its ambassador, although the EU has been tightening sanctions, imposing asset freezes and travel bans against five additional Syrian military and government officials on Monday.

At U.N. headquarters in New York, the Security Council began negotiating a text Tuesday after failing for more than three months to make any statement on the Syrian violence—except to condemn the attacks on the U.S. and French embassies in Damascus.

During talks that dragged into the evening Tuesday, the council was negotiating on the text of a European-drafted resolution that was updated with proposals from Brazil and others in what several ambassa-



In this image made from amateur video released by Ugarit News and accessed via The Associated Press Television News on Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2011, mourners carry the body of a person during a funeral ceremony in the city of Homs, Syria.

dors called a positive step.

Hardeep Singh Puri, the current was to reach tentative agree-India's U.N. Ambassador council president, said the goal ment on a text that could be

sent to capitals overnight and then tackle the divisive issue of whether it should be adopted as a legally binding resolution or a weaker presidential statement.

Diplomats, speaking on condition of anonymity because the talks were private, said one key unresolved issue was how to address the violence against unarmed civilians and attacks on Syrian security forces. The Europeans and the U.S. insist that the Syrian government's violence against unarmed civilians, which account for the vast number of casualties, cannot be equated with the attacks on security forces, the diplomats said.

Russia's government softened its stance, indicating it would not oppose a resolution. Last month, Russia and China had threatened to veto the original European resolution that would have condemned the Svrian attacks, effectively blocking it. The Europeans and U.S. want a resolution but diplomats said other council members including India, Brazil and South Africa want a presidential statement.

# Norway's right-wing on defensive after attacks

OSLO, Norway (AP)-Warning voters about the danger of increasing Muslim influence in Norway, the Progress Party rode a wave of anti-immigrant feeling and took nearly a quarter of the seats in parliament in the country's last election.

Now one of Europe's most successful right-wing parties is on the defensive after one of its former members massacred 77 people in the name of fighting immigration.

The Progress Party has confirmed that Anders Behring Breivik, the confessed perpetrator of last month's massacre, was a member between 1999 and 2006. That has focused intense criticism on its platform of sharply cutting the immigration that is changing Norway's once virtually homogenous population of white Christians.

"They have to change their tone," said Magnus Takvam, a political commentator for Norwegian public broadcaster NRK. "They have to reconsider their vocabulary."

Progress Party leader Siv Jensen has been criticized for warning of a stealth Islamization of Norway. And in May, the party's leader in Oslo called the governing Labor Party's immigration policy a "demographic experiment" and said a left-wing political elite was allowing Western civilization to be eroded by Muslim immigrants with opposing values.

Breivik also condemned leftists for their tolerant attitude towards immigrants from the Muslim world, but Jensen, 42, noted that he condemned all of Norway's political parties, "mine included." in the rambling 1,500-word manifesto he released before the massacre.

Breivik, 32, says he grew disillusioned with the party and concluded that the only way to stop what he called the "Islamization" of Norway and Europe was through armed struggle.

"He has obviously developed some very, very strange, sick ideas over the years," Jensen told The Associated Press. "His manifesto is perversely unique and cannot be linked to any organization or legal political party of Norway."

#### Jamaica: Three suspects arrested in women's beheadings

KINGSTON,

Jamaica (AP)—Police arrested three suspects in the grisly slayings of a mother and daughter whose beheadings during a home invasion last month renewed a sense of fear and outrage among crime-weary Jamaicans, officials said Tuesday.

Six other suspects are being sought for the beheadings of Charmaine Rattray and her 19-year-old daughter, Joyette Lynch on July 20, police commanders said in a news conference at the Jamaica Constabulary headquarters in Kingston. Criminal charges were expected

to be filed soon.

"We are, I want to assure you, committed to our task and we will continue to investigate as robustly as we can," said Assistant Police Commissioner Novelle Grant.

The beheadings of the mother and daughter during a home invasion at night in a typically quiet neighborhood on the outskirts of troubled Spanish Town sent a shock wave through much of the island's society.

Authorities said the killings appeared to be related to a power struggle within the Clansman gang, which has been at war for

hundreds of millions in U.S. aid

Source: USAID, U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization, U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs Graphic: Chicago Tribune

years with the One Order gang over drug and extortion rings.

To avenge a death or send a message, Jamaican gangs sometimes will murder someone who merely lives in a neighborhood controlled by rivals.

Two days before the women were butchered, 18-year-old Scott Thomas, a reputed Clansman named by police as a suspect in several killings, was decapitated in his Spanish Town home by a group of men armed with guns and machetes. In an apparent copycat crime that same week, 37-year-old Gary Smith of the volatile Kingston community of

\$398 million (24%)

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August Town was beheaded by a group of attackers who dragged him out of his house. His attackers are still at large.

National Security Minister Dwight Nelson congratulated investigators for arresting the three suspects in the women's murders.

"The security forces have signaled they will not cower under the brute force and barbarity of heartless criminals who are bent on unleashing nationwide fear and anguish," Nelson said in a statement.

Prime Minister Bruce Golding said the beheadings deeply rattled islanders as security forces are trying to get a handle on the island's violent crime problem amid an anti-gang crackdown. He said a sense of fear was palpable during a recent visit he made to the neighborhood of Lauriston, where the women were killed in their beds.

"The most effective way to deal with this and to send a clear signal that this society is not going to tolerate it is to work as feverishly as I know the police are working to bring to justice those who are responsible," Golding said last week on his monthly radio show.

### Somali militiamen prey on refugees fleeing famine

DHOBLEY, Somalia (AP)— Somalis with new uniforms and guns they say were bought by Kenya's government are supposed to be guarding the Somali-Kenya border against al-Qaida-linked militants. But many don't get paid, and some sell their weapons or prey on refugees fleeing famine.

This new breed of gunman in an area awash with weapons is making the trek from Somalia's parched landscape even more dangerous for thousands of defenseless refugees.

Among the latest victims of the lawlessness were a 13-year-old girl and her two sisters, who fled Somalia with their parents. After the family crossed into Kenya, gunmen stopped their donkey cart, robbed the parents and kidnapped the girls.



Somalia

Kenya

The three young sisters were gang-raped for two days before being released, the teen told an Associated Press reporter, then buried her face in her shawl. It was not clear if the attackers were members of the border militia or outlaws who had bought their guns.

Aid groups operating around the sprawling Dadaab refugee camp in Kenya say many refugees have been attacked by gunmen, some of whom may have come from the so-called Jubaland militia that guards the Somali-Kenya border.

Militiamen "come to the refugee areas and disturb them," said Sabik Shakuku, a Kenyan who receives funding from the Pan African Center for Peace and Conflict Resolution. "We have told the government but they have not taken action."

Kenyan police arrested three deserters from the border force on Saturday for trying to sell their weapons, said Nelson Tatliti, the deputy officer in charge of the police station at Dadaab. "These are the ones causing problems on the border," he said.

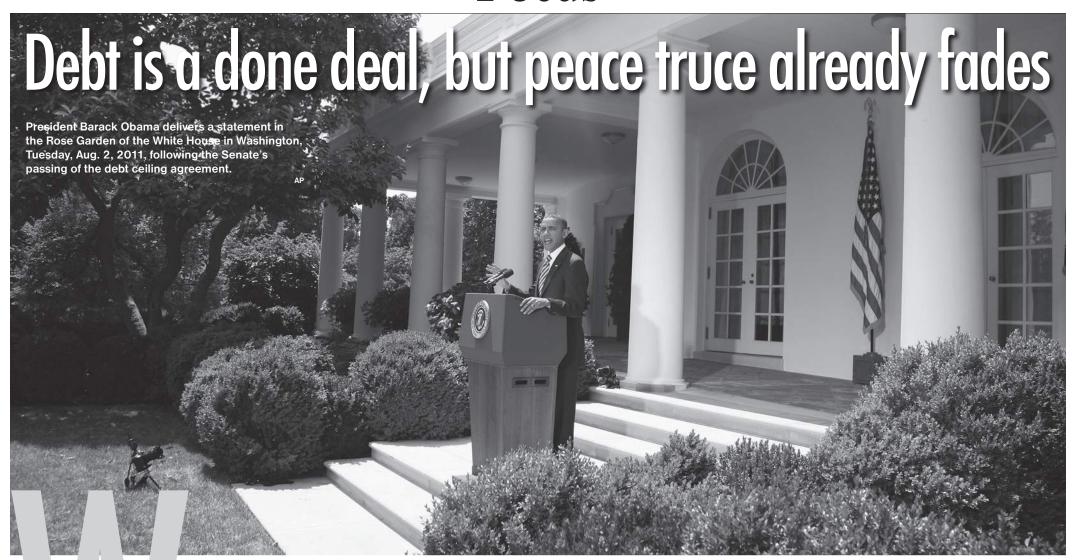
A Kenyan government spokesman did not return calls seeking comment. Kenya has long asserted the presence of al-Shabab, an Islamist militant group that controls huge swaths of southern Somalia near its border, is a major security threat—one reason the government would back a border militia.

Hussein Mohamed, a commander with the Jubaland force, said Kenya "gives us a lot of help because we are fighting al-Shabab."

Clad in a new olive green uniform, he pointed out shoes, vehicles, uniforms and weapons he said were gifts from Kenya.

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### Focus



**WASHINGTON** (AP)—With scant time to spare. President Barack Obama signed legislation Tuesday to avoid an unprecedented national default that he said would have devastated the U.S. economy. But the truce with Republicans that defused the crisis seemed to be fading already.

Wall Street crumpled, dismayed by reports of new economic weakness and unimpressed by Congress' prescription. The Dow Jones industrial average sank by 266 points, its eighth straight losing session, and biggest.

The compromise deal to persuade GOP lawmakers to raise the federal debt limit—U.S. borrowing was to collide with it at midnight-will cut federal spending by \$2.1 trillion or more over the next decade. But Obama immediately challenged Republicans to accept higher taxes on the wealthy in a second round of deficit cuts this fall. They adamantly refused to accept that idea during the past months' dispute.

A stern-faced Obama said at the White House that action to raise the debt limit had been essential but more—and different—steps were badly needed.

"We've got to do everything in our power to grow this economy and put America back to work," the president said, arguing forcefully for including revenue increases as well as spending cuts in the next round of efforts to trim huge government deficits.

It was the same call the GOP successfully resisted in the bill just approved, and there was little evidence of a change in position.

"The American people agreed with us on the nature of the problem. They know the government didn't accumulate \$14.3 trillion in debt because it didn't tax enough," said the party's leader in the Senate, Mitch McConnell of Kentucky.

Obama placed his signature on bill in the privacy of the Oval Office less than two hours after a bipartisan 74-26 vote in the Senate. The House approved the measure Monday night on a 269-161 roll call that also reached across party lines and was sealed by a rap of the gavel by Speaker John Boehner.

The bill allows a quick \$900 billion increase in borrowing authority as well as a first installment on spending cuts amounting to \$917 billion over a decade.

Without legislation in place by day's end, the Treasury would have been unable to pay all the nation's bills, leading to a potential default for the first time in history. Administration officials warned of disastrous consequences for an economy that shows fresh signs of weakness on a

near-daily basis as it struggles to recover from the worst recession in decades.

The White House and congressional leaders said legislation was important to reassure investors at home as well as overseas, and also to preserving the nation's AAA credit rating. Following passage of the debt deal, Moody's Investors Service, one of the three main ratings agencies, said it was retaining its triple-A rating on U.S. bonds but with a negative outlook to show there is still a risk of a downgrade.

This week's peace pact between the two parties is unlikely to be long-lived.

The bill sets up a powerful 12-member com-

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mittee of lawmakers with authority to recommend fresh deficit savings from every corner of the federal budget.

Politically sensitive benefit programs such as Social Security and Medicare will be on the table as the panel of six Republicans and six Democrats works against a Thanksgiving deadline. So, too, an overhaul of the tax code. Congress will have until Christmas to vote on the recommendations without the ability to make changes.

As an incentive for Congress to act, failure to do so would trigger \$1.2 trillion in automatic spending cuts, affecting the Pentagon as well as domestic programs.

Even before the president signed the legislation, he and Republicans were maneuvering for political position on the next stage.

"We can't balance the budget on the backs of people who have borne the biggest brunt of this

recession," the president said, renewing his call for higher taxes on the wealthy. "Everyone is going to have to chip in. It's only fair."

Senate Republicans say it will not happen.

"I'm comfortable we aren't going to raise taxes coming out of this joint committee," McConnell said in an interview with Fox on Monday.

In a speech shortly before the vote, he predicted instead a renewal of the most recent struggle over spending cuts.

The debt limit will have to be raised shortly after the 2012 election, he said, predicting that no president of either party will be "allowed to raise the debt ceiling without ... having to engage in the kind of debate we've just been through.'

He conceded that Republicans got only part of what they wanted in the deal, and he pointed to next year's elections with control of the White House and Congress at stake as a chance to gain greater clout.

"Republicans only control one half of one third of the federal government, but the American people agree with us," he said.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said the period immediately ahead "is going to be painful," particularly if Republicans insist they will not raise any taxes.

Numerous Democrats have complained about the concessions Obama accepted in the deal, and Reid and other Democrats sought immediately to change the subject.

"We now have the chance to pivot away from budget battles to jobs," said Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y. "We can reset the debate, and that's what we intend to do."

Obama spoke in less partisan terms at the White

"Both parties share power in Washington, and both parties need to take responsibility for improving this economy," he said.

This week's legislation ratified an agreement that took shape slowly. For months there had been partisan flare-ups and internal disagreements within each party, then suddenly things changed last weekend when McConnell and Vice President Joe Biden bargained by telephone.

The immediate impact is to raise the debt limit by \$400 billion, giving the Treasury what it needs to avoid exceeding the current \$14.3 trillion cap. An additional \$500 billion increase will be available, subject to disapproval by Congress.

In exchange, spending is to be cut by \$917 bil-

lion over a decade from Cabinet-level agencies and the thousands of federal programs they ad-

The bill's second phase begins with the creation of the special committee of lawmakers. Depending on its success in recommending savings that Congress ratifies by Christmas, the nation's borrowing authority will rise by \$2.1 trillion or as much as \$2.5 trillion.

Either way, it is estimated to be enough to avoid a rerun of the current crisis before the 2012 elections.

That was Obama's bottom-line demand in a negotiating endgame, and while Republicans ridiculed him over it, they consented.

Yet Boehner and McConnell were able to wring key concessions of their own.

The maneuvering began hours after Congress convened last January, the House under control of Republicans for the first time in four years.

At a news conference then, Boehner announced the administration had notified him an increase in the debt limit would be needed, and he said any change must include "meaningful action" to cut spending.

Initially, the White House resisted the linkage, then relented.

On May 9, Boehner laid down a second condition—any debt limit increase must occur in tandem with spending cuts that were greater in size.

Obama wanted a balanced plan that included both spending cuts and higher revenues, and for a brief time, it appeared that might be in the offing.

Months later, he and Boehner sought a sweeping agreement that would have trimmed deficits by \$4 trillion or more, possibly including curbs on the rise on Social Security benefit checks and an increase in the age for Medicare benefits from 65 to 67.

By Boehner's own account, he agreed to consider an overhaul of the tax code under which government revenues would rise from current levels. It was carefully framed—the increase would result from assumed greater economic expansion.

Then a group of bipartisan senators unveiled a plan of their own, calling for even higher additional revenues.

In response, Obama raised his demand, and Boehner announced a little more than two weeks ago he was calling off those talks.

That set the stage for a partisan endgame in which House Republicans and Senate Democrats drafted rival bills—then watched them rejected by the other side—before McConnell and Biden worked out a final deal.



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### Environment

# Doing my part in saving the island

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Sebastian from The Little Mermaid got it right when he sang, "Look at the world around you, right here on the ocean floor. Such wonderful things surround you! What more are you looking for?" I have seen a world like Sebastian's—under our sea—and it is absolutely breathtaking.

My name is Loremel Hocog, one of the 12 people who were granted the opportunity to spend their summer learning more about Saipan's beautiful beaches and their marine life. I am an elementary education undergraduate at the Northern Marianas College. I love being outdoors and going on adventures. Therefore, when I overheard my friends talking about an internship program at the Coastal Resources Management Office, I jumped at the opportunity to do those things that I love–except this time I am actually getting paid to do them.

As part of the Coral Reef Initiative, I was assigned to work under the Non-Point Source Pollution branch of the Division of Environmental Quality. Under the supervision of Mr. Aric Bickel, I have gotten to work on various projects that focus on reaching out to our community and informing them about our magnificent island, our exquisite ocean, and the dangers they are facing right now and in the imminent future.

My first project has been organizing the First Friday Films program. Started in July 2010, the First Friday Films offers a free screening of an environmental film at the American Memorial Park Visitors Center every first Friday of the month. The themes of the films range from eating locally to waste management to ocean acidification. In addition to the film, a guest speaker from the community comes and brings the themes of the films closer to the CNMI, emphasizing their relevance to our islands. As an intern, I write press releases for the upcoming film screenings, create promotional posters, look for potential films to show in future FFF screenings, invite possible guest speakers, put together lobby displays for the audience, update the FFF website, and attend the screenings to assist my supervisor. Through FFF, I have a chance to reach out to the community and address issues that are important to the people of the CNMI. Hopefully, after watching the movie, the audience will think about what they just saw and take some action toward it. For those interested in attending one of these FFF events, on Aug. 5, we will present *Home*, a movie that



Coral Reef Initiative intern Loremel Hocog.

tackles climate change. For more information, you can visit the FFF website at http://www.firstfridayfilmssaipan.blogspot.com/.

My second project is assisting in the promotion of the "Size Matters" campaign. This project seeks to encourage local fishermen to practice catching fish that have reached reproductive size, or the size at which they begin to produce eggs. By doing so, the fish have a better they go fishing and use to *midi* to highlight to the international unforgettable summer.

chance of replacing themselves prior to being caught, thus reducing local depletion and helping to guarantee a steady supply of fish for the future. The campaign involves radio advertisements, a colorful poster of the various species of fish in the CNMI drawn exactly to their recommended sizes, and a waterproof ruler that fishermen can take to the ocean when As part of this campaign, I have been able to meet various people from the community. I have gone from fishing equipment stores to other environmental agencies distributing the waterproof rulers, which also acts as a brochure to inform people about some facts concerning fishing in the CNMI. I also attended the annual spearfishing derby where our team was promoting the campaign to the fishermen. "Size Matters" encourages a fishing practice that requires a bit of sacrifice—after all, learning to selectively fish is difficult—but the benefits outweigh the disadvantages. By giving the fish a chance to reproduce, it gives the fish population a chance to survive and it gives the people more fish to catch in the future. Check out http://sizematterscnmi.blogspot. com/ to learn more.

working on involves collaborating with The Sea Alliance. They have worked on a Web portal that provides a database of various environmental stories from around the world with the help of Google Earth. It also showcases some of the sea animals unique to each region of the world. The CNMI's entry lacks sufficient and up-to-date information. It is my job to gather a list of possible island projects that we would want

stretching parallel to the shore-

line and positioned by a GPS

device. During this internship,

I have counted and taken data

of algae and invertebrates. For

every meter on the transect line,

we lay out a quadrant which has

(measure) the fish they catch. community. This is a wonderful way to make us feel connected to other island communities and raise awareness about some of the great work that is being done here in the CNMI. If you want to read more and marvel on the beauty of our world, visit http://thedeepness.org/.

Aside from these projects, I have also teamed up with other branches of the Coral Reef Initiative program. This has given me a chance to work with my cointerns and get a glimpse of the environmental work that they do. For instance, I helped the Marine Monitoring Team conduct reef flat surveys at Bird Island Beach, Pakpak Beach and Susupe Beach. It was refreshing to get out of the office and develop an intimate relationship with the environment and forge a close bond with my co-interns.

Through this internship, I Another project I have been have seen first-hand how beautiful our island is and how badly we need to protect and preserve its beauty. However, I believe that protecting our island should be an islandwide effort. Ten weeks may seem like a short time to reach out to the community but I am glad to be a part of the solution and have a role in informing the island community about the problem. This has been an adventurous, educational, eye-opening, fun, and

### ghts, camera, action: The dramatic events of life on a reef

By SEVERINO ALFOREZA III

A summer experience on island has made me both enjoy and become more aware of our marine ecosystem and environment. No, it is not just simply the outdoor weekend activities at the beach with family and friends or hikes along the trails of Saipan. Rather, it is the wonderful experience of being a part of the internship program through the Coral Reef Initiative, which consists of indoor office learning and outdoor field research on the diverse species of algae, invertebrates, and corals in the

waters surrounding Saipan. My name is Severino Alforeza III, 18 years old. As a recent graduate of Marianas High School, I plan to attend one year at Northern Marianas College and major in Natural Resources Management. After the year is over, I will transfer to Brigham Young University in Hawaii. The internship initially started on June 6 but due to competitions that I participated in on the mainland, I did not start until July 1. I first saw this internship opportunity while reading one of the issues of Beach Road magazine and it immediately

caught my attention. Wanting to learn more on how to help contribute to the health of the environment, I immediately jumped on this chance and, to my astonishment, I was able to participate in this great program.

I am an intern with the Marine Monitoring Team at the Division of Environmental Quality under the direction and supervision of my two great mentors, marine biologist Steven Johnson and environmental specialist John Iguel. The marine monitoring team individuals that I have worked with are composed of members from DEQ and the Coastal Resources Management Office. The CNMI's interagency Marine Monitoring Team works day in and day out to understand the change in our coral reef ecosystems. Changes can occur as a result of natural disasters such as typhoons, or a result of human impacts such as pollution and runoff and sedimentation. The changes over time allow us to assess the impacts of land-based pollution and whether management actions are needed or when implemented, if they are working. The overall objective is to minimize the adverse effects of development and daily



Coral Reef Initiative intern Severino Alforeza III.

use of our islands' resources on the marine environment.

Coral reef ecosystems are some of the most diverse and productive communities on Earth. Coral reefs surround our beautiful island of Saipan. They are mainly found in the warm, clear, shallow waters of tropical oceans worldwide, which make Saipan's waters a sure spot for these diverse ecosystems. Our reef's functions range from providing food and shelter to fish and invertebrates, to protecting the shore from erosion. This is why the long-term monitoring program of these reef ecosystems is necessary. It is important because it provides information on how to manage these precious reef resources.

Long term monitoring consists of reef flat surveys. These surveys involve logging down fish and macro-invertebrate abundance, coral recruitment, algae, and biological diversity. Regular monitoring can result in early detection of problems and provide guidance toward any stressors that pose a threat to their physical condition. For these surveys, five transects are laid out underwater, and each transect is a 50-meter line

six points, and then we count the benthos directly beneath each point. We do this for the whole 50 meters of the first transect, and continue on to the next transect until we reach the fifth. The data is recorded on pieces of expensive waterproof paper and then entered into the data base. We record what types of organisms live on CNMI's reefs and where they live. This informs us on what areas are most important to maintaining environmental health so we can prioritize monitoring around those spots. We have surveyed sites at the lagoon in San Antonio, Susupe and among the staghorn coral and Halodule sites.

I have also participated in the revegetation of the uplands of Laolao Bay. The purpose of this project is to reduce sedimentation into Laolao Bay. Sedimentation occurs when stormwater runoff from exposed soils and unpaved roads enters the marine environment and smothers corals and crustose coralline al-

gae, limiting the growth of these reef builders. If sedimentation continues, then reef builders will be overrun by macroalgae. The reduction of sedimentation will provide a more suitable habitat for fish, which in turn will increase fish numbers for local fishermen and improve the aesthetics of Laolao's reef. With tourism as the main revenue source for this island, this project will make Saipan more desirable to visiting divers and tourist alike.

The economic, fishing and recreational resources of our island depend heavily upon healthy coral reef ecosystems. Barrier coral reefs protect shorelines from erosion and storm damage. Water quality declines when sediment from improperly managed construction sites runoff toward the lagoon, or a spurt of bacteria from unkempt septic systems. This causes a production of new coral diseases and massive algal blooms. Coral bleaching occurs when sea temperatures rise or when local stresses occur. Coral reefs deserve protection for their intrinsic natural value. Let us not squander this valuable resource, and preserve it for our future generations.

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# Life & Style

# US poet laureate says humans failing themselves

By AUDREY McAVOY

HONOLULU (AP)—Humans aren't being true to themselves and are cutting back on their own chances for survival by failing to take care of other life and the planet, the U.S. poet laureate said Tuesday.

W.S. Merwin told scientists and others working to protect Hawaii's natural resources at a meeting in Waikiki that they were doing work of "desperate importance" as species become extinct at an increasingly rapid rate around the world.

The problem is particularly acute in Hawaii, which has more endangered species than any other U.S. state and is sometimes called the endangered species capital of the world.

The 83-year-old Maui resident recalled when a scientist told him the world was losing a species a week and noted that pace has picked up few seconds. It's going that fast."



Conservation Conference.

"This is a pyramid, and each part of the pyramid is essential to the whole thing. You're taking out pieces of it. Now we're losing a species every

dramatically.

"It's irrevocable. You can't put them back. You can't say, 'Whoops, sorry,' and 'I'll fix that.' You're not ever going to fix it," Merwin said deliverwhile ing the keynote address of this Hawaii year's

Merwin said humans have a unique capacity to care for others, the planet and other life forms. Other species, he said, may grieve for each other and know each other, but they don't show the same concern for the broader world.

"The concern for other species and other creatures is not central to their lives, but it is to ours. And if we abandon that, we abandon ourselves," he said.

"We're being untrue to ourselves as a species. And the result is dangerous. We're minimizing and cutting down on our own chances of survival, as we do that for the rest of life," he later continued.

Merwin spoke for nearly an hour before several thousand people gathered to hear him at the annual meeting, mixing his comments with poetry readings.

One poem titled "Rain at Night" described the destruction of a Hawaii forest by profiteers who cut down ohia, koa and sandalwood trees and then the forest's rebirth as new trees take root.

The New York City native and two-time Pulitzer Prize winner moved to Hawaii in 1976. He has written more than 30 books of poetry, translation and prose.

Many of his poems touch on natural themes, and conference organizers described him as being dedicated to the restoration of Hawaii's rainforests. On Maui, he has recreated a tropical rainforest on land that had been damaged by years of logging, erosion and industrial agriculture.

Merwin told the crowd he resisted becoming poet laureate for a long time because he didn't want to leave Hawaii and "go to Washington and wear suits." But he changed his mind and became the 17th U.S. poet laureate last year after seeing the position as an opportunity.

"I thought this time, yes, this is a chance, once, to say what I've been trying to say," Merwin said.

### **US** literature award is renamed for Holbrooke

CINCINNATI (AP)—An pathy," Kingsolver told The Asaward celebrating the power of literature to promote peace has been renamed in honor of the late Ambassador Richard Holbrooke, and author Barbara Kingsolver will be this year's recipient.

The Dayton Literary Peace Prize's lifetime achievement award was first given in 2006. It was inspired by the Dayton peace accords on Bosnia brokered by Holbrooke in 1995 negotiations at Wright-Patterson



**Holbrook** 

Air Force Base near the southwest Ohio city.

Founder Sharon Rab says that the prize organization wanted to honor Holbrooke's international role in seeking peace and his special importance to Dayton. The longtime U.S. diplomat died last December at age 69 following surgery on his torn aorta.

Kingsolver will receive the Richard C. Holbrooke Distinguished Achievement Award in Dayton on Nov. 13. It carries a \$10,000 prize; the peace prize group is supported by a combination of corporations, schools, groups that promote the arts, and private donors.

"I love that the organization is honoring this sort of higher value of literature to create emsociated Press. "For the duration of a novel we are experiencing another person's life ... the creation of empathy for the theoretical stranger can cultivate peace. You can't bang anyone over the head with a stick and make peace; you only do by convincing people that strangers' lives are valid and equal to their own; that's what literature does."

Kingsolver said she was "astonished and very happy" to join previous winners who are "like a partial list of my heroes." They include Nobel Peace Prize laureate Elie Wiesel, the late Chicago-based author Studs Terkel, and Taylor Branch, who chronicled the civil rights struggle.

Her award-winning novels include "The Poisonwood Bible," about an American family set in post-colonial Africa, and "The Lacuna," following a young Mexican-American man in a 20th century era of radical politics, world war and fears of communism. She also has written nonfiction, essays and poetry on topics from Sept. 11 to growing your own food.

Holbrooke's widow, authorjournalist Kati Marton, called the award a very special tribute to him.

She said Tuesday she was pleased about the winner, whose writing she said reflected his belief in "humanism and the perfectibility of mankind. There's a deep optimism in her work, which is absolutely appropriate. Until his last breath, he was an optimist. He did not believe that any war was inevitable."

She plans to personally give the award to Kingsolver. Winners of the organization's annual fiction and nonfiction awards will be named later.

### Demi Moore adds her style stamp to Ann Taylor ads

LOS ANGELES (AP)—As a young teenager, before the fame, kids, paparazzi and front-row seats at fashion shows, Demi Moore regularly passed an Ann Taylor store at a local mall, taking note of the clothes.

In the years since, she's been a redcarpet rebel, jeans-wearing mom, bikini globetrotter and Versace model. Now her style evolution has come full circle, and Moore is the star of the Ann Taylor fall ad campaign.

She is the latest Hollywood connection for a company that previously tapped Katie Holmes and Naomi Watts to court its shoppers. "I feel like I've known Ann Taylor since I was a kid. I've watched the clothes move into support for the working woman," said Moore, 48, during a break at a recent photo shoot in L.A. "It used to be a lot of suiting. I've seen as we've changed, that they've changed, reflecting on how we live as modern women, which is wearing things that take us from day to night, from workout to work to weekend."

Looking at Moore's own fashion history, she's changed a lot, too. She has done the menswear thing, the retro siren and many plunging necklines. She's been bald and buff—and totally bare. (Remember the Vanity Fair cover when she was pregnant in 1991?)

In recent years, she has developed more of a signature look—one that's both sophisticated and sultry—which has won her praise from fashion insiders.

"We have to remember it's OK to take risks. Sometimes it will work and sometimes it won't. For me, I know there's a certain kind of balance of criteria. I like things that are classic. I want to know that I'll look in my closet five years from now and that piece still has a place. I don't have room or time for something's that just absolutely of the moment."

She has no problem taking some cues from the past, though. "I look at Katharine Hepburn, from the '30s and '40s, and the women of the '70s, Bianca Jagger," said Moore. "When we're young, we're finding ourselves, what we like. I can say there are certain things that remain a constant. I've always loved vintage. I've rested in a place that's classic, with a twist."

That's the look you see in the Ann Taylor ads, shot by top photographer Patrick Demarchelier at one of Rockefeller Center's rooftop gardens in New York City against



This undated ad image courtesy of Ann Taylor shows actress Demi Moore in an image from the Ann Taylor fall ad campaign.

a backdrop of towering buildings. In one ad, the star of movies "Ghost" and "A Few Good Men" stands confidently, hands on her hips, wearing a '60s-esque beige wool cape and a black blouse edged in lace.

In another shot, she sports a sexy-chic long V-necked grey sweater accented by faux fur. Moore hadn't worked with Demarchelier since he photographed her as the cover of an issue of Harper's Bazaar in the '90s, one of her favorite shoots,

The collection also includes animalprint jackets, tailored tweed, widelegged pants and bling-y statement jewelry. Moore added her own creative slant to the ads, suggesting the pairing of a leopard-print shirt with khaki pants, and the faux fur-trimmed sweater.

"That was actually one of my favorite pieces, when I first looked through the collection," said Moore.

Married to actor Ashton Kutcher, with three daughters from her ex-husband Bruce Willis, Moore said she definitely identified with Ann Taylor's workingmom demographic. Looking like a casual mom herself during her break on the L.A. photo shoot, she charmingly wore Harry Potter-ish designer black round glasses and loose-fitting jeans. On set, she transformed, moving fluidly into poses, doing yoga stretches between takes.

There's back-and-forth style advice be-

tween her and her daughters, including oldest Rumer Willis, a budding actress featured in ads for Badgley Mischka's spring 2011 collection.

"There are things that I might wear with flats that they would put with heels," said Moore. "They definitely stay at a kind of cutting edge because they're still in that experimental stage, which is important to remember. You keep going outside your comfort zone. When you get too confined to 'This is what I know works and looks good,' I think you also don't stay fresh and current."

Moore still can push the envelope. For example, to this spring's Costume Institute Gala at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, she wore a strapless Prabal Gurung gown dripping in black feathers topped by a Philip Treacy head piece.

"Some of the kind of unspoken rules of what we're allowed to do at this age, and what you can get away with, really comes down to what's in your comfort zone, what makes you feel good about you," Moore said. "I think a part of it is on average we're living 34 years longer, so it's really changing, how we look at ourselves at different times. There might have been a time when we would say, 'Post 40, dress above the knee, I shouldn't be doing this.' But that depends on the person. Fashion style really comes from the inside out."

## Oprah Winfrey, James Earl Jones to receive Oscars

Winfrey, James Earl Jones and makeup artist Dick Smith will be getting Oscars.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences says the three will be honored with Oscar statuettes at the Governors Awards in November. The academy's Board of Governors voted Tuesday to recognize the entertainment industry veterans.

Winfrey will receive the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award, which honors philanthropic and humanitarian contributions. The 57-year-old media mogul, who was nominated for a supporting actress Oscar for 1985's "The Color Purple," supports various charitable and educational causes, including her own namesake foundations and Academy for Girls in South Africa.

Jones and Smith will receive honorary Oscars for their outstanding careers.

Jones has appeared in more than 50 films. The 80-year-old actor-voice of Darth Vader in "Star Wars"— was nominated for an Academy Award in 1971 for "The Great White Hope." His other credits include "Field of Dreams," "Patriot Games" and "The Hunt for Red October."

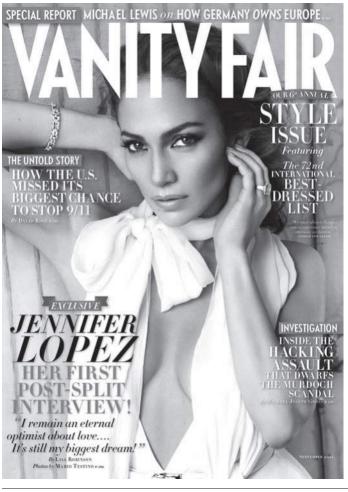
Smith was NBC's first makeup man when he started his career in 1945. He won an Oscar in 1984 for his work on "Amadeus" and was nominated again in 1989 for "Dad." Known as the "godfather of makeup," he will receive their statuettes are presented.

also worked on "The Godfather," "The Exorcist" and "Taxi Driver." Smith also helped train many of today's top movie makeup artists.

Smith, Jones and Winfrey

on Nov. 12 at the 3rd annual Governors Awards dinner at the Grand Ballroom at Hollywood & Highland Center, just above the Kodak Theatre, where the Academy Awards

### Jennifer Lopez talks about split from Marc Anthony



NEW YORK (AP)—Jennifer Lopez tells Vanity Fair magazine that she still believes in love despite her split from her husband of seven years, Marc Anthony.

The singer and actress gave the publication her first interview since announcing her divorce earlier this month.

Lopez says she is an "eternal optimist" and describes love as her "biggest dream."

The 42-year-old, who has had a string of high-profile relationships, says she's learned to walk away from something when it isn't right.

One thing Lopez says she and Anthony do right is work together, saying "together we make magic."

The couple has two children, twins Max and Emme.

The September issue of Vanity Fair goes on sale Aug. 9.

In this magazine cover image released by Vanity Fair, actress and singer Jennifer Lopez graces the cover of "Vanity Fair" magazine, available nationwide on Aug. 9.

### Sheen withdraws lawsuit over NY hotel incident

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP)—Court records show a judge has granted Charlie Sheen's request to dismiss a lawsuit filed against a woman who locked herself in the bathroom of an upscale New York hotel room that the actor

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son locked herself in the bathroom of the Plaza Hotel because she had taken one of his watches valued at \$165,000. His lawsuit sought reimbursement.

Anderson told police the actor put his hands around her throat during the raucous evening in

Sheen sued Anderson for attempted extortion in November after she recounted her version of events on "Good Morning America."

Court records show Sheen's attorney were granted a dismissal of the case without prejudice tor could re-file.

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Transformers: Dark of the Moon

### Marvel: New Ultimate Spider-Man boasts big changes

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Peter Parker is dead and gone, but Spider-Man's still slinging webs and fighting crime.

And it's not just a new teenager climbing Manhattan buildings, it's an entirely new crime-fighter, from the color of his suit to the complexion of his skin.

Meet Miles Morales, a half-black, half-Hispanic American teenager who, inspired to do good after the death of Parker at the hands of the Green Goblin, takes flight and has his first fight in the pages of Marvel Comics' "Ultimate Fallout" No. 4, in comic shops on Wednesday.

The Ultimates imprint is separate from Marvel's bigger universe, where Parker is alive and well.

Writer Brian Michael Bendis, who has scripted every issue of Marvel's Ultimate Spider-Man since it first debuted in 2000 to wide acclaim, maintained a new hero would replace Parker, felled in the pages of In this comic book cover image released by "Ultimate Spider-Man" Marvel Comics, "Ultimate Fallout," is shown. No. 160 this summer.

But as to whom that was a closely guarded secret, until now.

Bendis said that the decision came down to the story, to keep it fresh and vital and new.

Morales, he explained, is nothing like his pre-

"He's younger than Peter Parker, he's coming from a completely different background, a completely different world view," Bendis said. "It's Peter Parker's death that inspires this kid to step up."

Bendis said his decision was made before actor Donald Glover's efforts to be considered for next year's Spider-Man film went viral. He had talked it over with Joe Quesada, Marvel's chief creative officer.

"Joe and I talked about it at great length—what

if he was an African-American and how interesting it would be," Bendis said.

Later, he saw Glover on the television show "Community," wearing Spider-Man pajamas, and knew he was on the right track.

Making Spider-Man a black character is not a publicity effort, it's reflective of an industry keeping pace with modern society, said Axel Alonso, Marvel's editor-in-chief.

"As someone who grew up on a steady diet of 'Luke Cage, Hero For Hire' and Shang Chi, Master of Kung Fu,' I am personally invested," he said.

"This was a conscious decision. Here at Marvel, we pride ourselves on reflecting the real world in all its diversity," Alonso added, adding that Morales' stories

would be on par with those of Parker.

"Morales' adventures will be fleshed out in the coming months with the start of "Ultimate Comics: Spider-Man" in September that is being illustrated by Sara Pichelli.

Bendis is excited about the possibilities that Morales brings.

"I'm now sitting with a pile of legitimately new Spider-Man stories to tell and that is the best news a writer could have," he said.



# J.K. Rowling uncovers French roots in TV show

LONDON (AP)—For years, Harry Potter author J.K. Rowling and her family had honored a French ancestor who they believed was a World War I war hero.

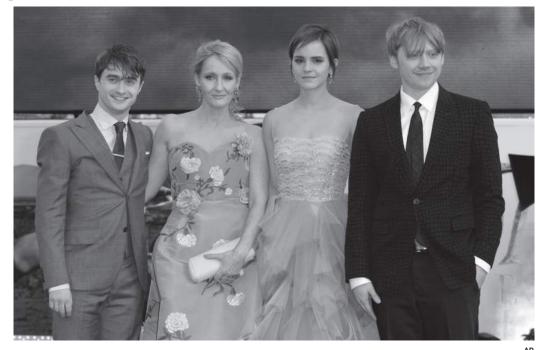
But the best-selling author has now discovered that her family had been mistaken about the true identity of her greatgrandfather.

Rowling, 46, has recorded a television program with the BBC that shows her coming to terms with the revelation that her family had confused Louis Volant, a war hero awarded with the Legion d'honneur for his bravery during the Battle of Verdun, with her real great-grandfather, who had the same name and also fought for France.

Rowling told the BBC magazine published Tuesday Radio Times that the experience was an upsetting and emotional one. She said taking part in her genealogy research made her so emotional that she cried several times.

"There were a lot of big surprises, some wonderful, and one rather upsetting," she said in an interview.

"However, I went into the program wanting the truth, no she described her pride being



British author JK Rowling, second left, joins actors, left to right, Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson and Rupert Grint in Trafalgar Square, central London, for the World Premiere of "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2" the last film in the series, Thursday, July 7, 2011.

matter what it was, because I knew so little about my French ancestry, and I don't regret a moment of it. I loved the whole experience," she added.

When Rowling was awarded the Legion d'honneur for her services to literature in 2009,

the second winner of the honor in the family, and how her accomplishments could not compare to the bravery of her ancestor and men like him.

She said that she has undertook the project because her mother Anne Volant, who died in 1990, was very interested in

her French roots but never got the chance to explore them.

"A huge motivation in looking into my family history is my mother. It's very much bound up in that loss," she said.

The BBC show, called "Who Do You Think You Are?" will be broadcast later this month.

### 3 MSNBC hosts predict winner of presidential race

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—When three MSNBC hosts forecast the winner of next year's presidential race, their choice isn't surprising, considering the network's liberal tilt.

But their respective certainty wasn't uniform when asked that question at an appearance before reporters on Tuesday at a meeting of the Television Critics Association.

Lawrence O'Donnell, host of "The Last Word," flatly predicted the re-election of President Barack Obama.

Rachel Maddow also named Obama, attributing her pick to a thus-far weak Republican field.

But "Hardball" host Chris Matthews waffled, saying Obama's fate will rest largely on the economy as well as his GOP rival.

One easy opponent? Mitt Romney, whom Matthews dismissed as "a mood ring." And should Obama be running against Michele Bachmann, Matthews said, "He'll just have a hoot."

### Salon famous for Palin's up-do gets reality show

Alaska hair salon made famous for Sarah Palin's up-do is getting the reality show treatment in a two-part series to be aired in September on TLC.

That's the same cable net-

WASILLA, Alaska (AP)—The work that aired "Sarah Palin's Alaska," an eight-part docuseries on the former Alaska governor, 2008 Republican vice presidential nominee and possible presidential candidate.

TLC spokeswoman Laure

Goldberg declined to identify the salon in "Big Hair Alaska." But a hairdresser in Palin's hometown of Wasilla says the salon to be featured in the show is the Beehive Beauty Shop.

Mariah Hopper, a hairdresser

at the Beehive, says she's not authorized to say whether Palin still frequents the salon.

Shop proprietor Jessica Steele, longtime keeper of Palin's hair, could not immediately be reached for comment Tuesday.

#### SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

#### Redmond O'Neal jailed after Calif. drug arrest

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP)—The son of Farrah Fawcett and Ryan O'Neal is in jail in Southern California after police stopped him for a traffic violation and allegedly found heroin in his car. Santa Monica police Sgt. Richard Lewis says Redmond O'Neal was pulled over about 8:30 a.m. Tuesday after an officer saw him fail to stop for a red light. Police say a search of his car uncovered the drug. O'Neal, who is on probation in a previous drug case, was jailed without bail. His lawyer, Richard Pintal, declined to comment. The 26-year-old has a history of substance abuse problems. He completed a drug diversion program last year but remains on probation for bringing drugs to a Los Angeles County jail in 2009.

### Franklin criticizes songwriter over rights lawsuit DETROIT (AP)—Aretha Franklin says

she's "extremely disappointed" over a lawsuit filed by her longtime songwriting partner over song royalties from her latest CD and copyright infringement. Nor-

man West of Lansing filed the suit July 15 against the Queen of Soul's publishing company in Detroit federal court. The suit claims Springtime Publishing Inc. failed to sign a royalty agreement for "Put It Back Together Again." The song is on Franklin's "Aretha: A Woman Falling Out of Love" CD, released in May. The suit also claims copyright infringement over an earlier song, "Watch My Back." Franklin didn't immedioona when news of the suit brok But she issued a statement Tuesday saying West has "unmitigated gall" considering how she's "personally assisted and advised him over the past 15 years."

### Lawyer says NY socialite

will apply for probation
STAMFORD, Conn. (AP)—A New York socialite charged with shoplifting two scarves from a Greenwich boutique plans to apply for a diversionary probation program that could leave her without a criminal record. The Stamford Advocate reports that a lawyer for 38-year-old Beata Boman told a Superior Court judge Monday that Boman will apply for accelerated rehabilitation when she returns to court on

Aug. 8. Boman was charged in June with stealing an \$11,000 scarf from Richards of Greenwich. Another larceny charge was added after police say a review of surveillance video revealed the earlier theft of a less expensive scarf. Attorney Mark Sherman, who represented Boman at Monday's arraignment, says she hasn't been the same since she had brain surgery and is seeking intensive therapy.

#### Zara Phillips returns to work, missing honeymoon

LONDON (AP)—Newlywed royal Zara Phillips says her wedding to rugby player Mike Tindall was amazing, but she is disappointed the couple are too busy to take a honeymoon. Phillips, Queen Elizabeth II's granddaughter and a former equestrian world champion, went back to work Tuesday to launch a range of children's equestrian clothing. The 30-year-old said the couple has a busy life and has to delay the honeymoon. She said: "We're kind of missing the quiet period where we can catch up and have some sleep.

### Neighbor's crude advances demand a swift response

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

**DEAR ABBY:** This is embarrassing to say, but yesterday my sister wanted to go tanning, so our neighbor's father took us. After she got out of the car, he started to touch me inappropriately and say nasty things.

I told him to stop and that I didn't like it, but he kept on. Should I tell the police? Or my old social worker? I don't know what to do. My sister and I stay home a lot because



our parents work, and I'm afraid he'll do something worse.

Please don't print my name or location. I don't want my parents to know just yet. I'm 20 and don't know how the law works for this type of assault. This is considered an assault, right? Please answer soon.

SCARED ON THE EAST COAST

DEAR SCARED: NO ONE has the right to put his hands on you without your permission! While what your neighbor's father did may not have been an assault, it could be considered sexual battery. You should definitely inform your social worker right away. A man who would do this to you is completely capable of doing it to a minor. Your social worker will know how to handle the details.

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I love him, and other than this our relationship is pretty great. But lately this is causing a major strain because I want more for him. I hold two jobs and will be continuing my B.S. in psychology next year. I have tried being nice, being rude, and discussing it with him. He just doesn't "get" that I'm losing respect for the man I once admired. How can I make him see he needs to do more with his life than collect unemployment?

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**DEAR ABBY:** Let's say you made arrangements with a friend and then forgot about them, so you made other arrangements with someone else. When you discover your mistake, should you

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DEAR NEEDS AN ANSWER: Yes, you should. To cancel the original plans would be rude. And when you make other arrangements with the "someone else," you should apologize and explain that you had previous plans.

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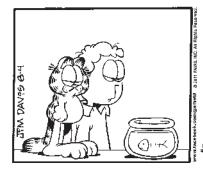


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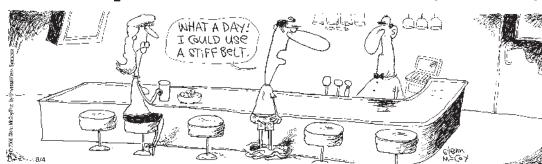




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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Too much idle time can result in a mishap. Focus on love and creativity, as well as keeping the peace and getting things accomplished. A careless act will be difficult to overcome. Rely on past experience to help you get ahead now. 🍑

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Use what you know and can do to your advantage. You can take on anyone and be proud of what you offer. Satisfaction will be yours, and triumph is within reach. Don't let love get in your way. 🛇 🛇

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Begin a personal project to get you back on track physically and mentally. Plan to network with people who can contribute to your plans. Love is on the rise, and whether it's with someone new or someone you've been with awhile, aim to enhance your relationship.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't get bogged down with someone else's responsibilities. An unusual event or activity will bring you in contact with an unusual individual who can offer many alternatives. ••

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Go directly to the source, mentally or physically. Talk face-to-face or research information until you have a clear view of what you are up against. You can win, but you have to be prepared. Love is highlighted, and time to enjoy the company of someone special must be taken. ••••

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Secrets must be kept if you want to get ahead. An unusual way to make extra money will develop. Change is upon you, but you must be willing to make a move. **QQQ** 

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Indecisiveness and impulsiveness will lead to double trouble. If you are feeling pressured, back away. Focus on fun and personal relationships, not making a promise that will leave you indebted financially. Don't be reluctant to ask for help. OOO

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't give in to pressure from someone you are attached to physically or emotionally. Follow your intuition. You will make the right decision as long as you don't let anyone interfere. Take control, show your talent, do your own thing. •••

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Do something to make your space userfriendly or more comfortable. Don't let someone meddle in what you are trying to accomplish or your plans may not turn out the way vou envision. Love is highlighted, but don't overspend to impress.

**EUGENIA** 

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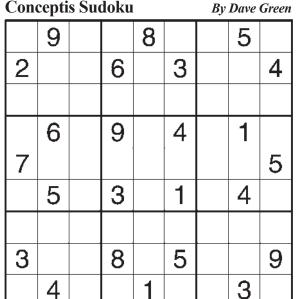
be surprised if someone you are emotionally attached to lets you down. You have to look beyond your current situation. There is no point in making a big fuss when what's required is patience and tolerance. ••

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Interacting with people will lead to a proposition. Revisit an old friendship; you will discover that you still have plenty in common and can work together as a team. Suggest a new and updated spin on an old idea and forge ahead. OOOOO

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Concentrate on putting all your skills and talents to work for you and relentlessly strive for perfection and a cost-efficient result. Doing as much as you can for as little as possible will impress the people who can help you get ahead. OOO

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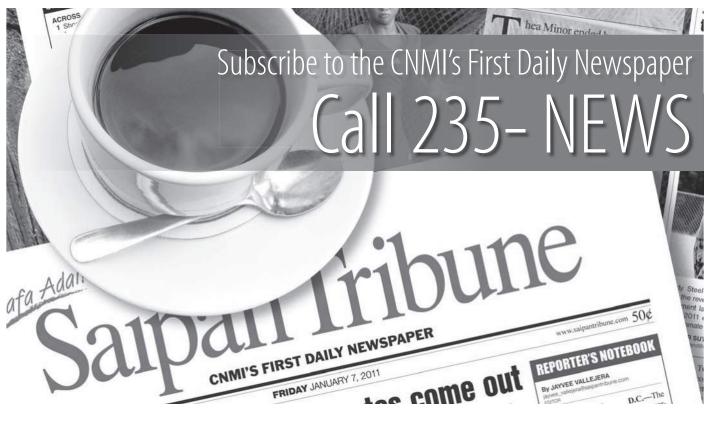
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Teixeira set a major league record by homering from both sides of the plate for the 12th time and Phil Hughes pitched six innings to send New York to its fifth straight victory.

Teixeira broke a tie with Eddie Murray and Chili Davis, who each homered 11 times from both sides in the same game.

Hughes, who spent nearly two months on the disabled list this season, allowed only three hits against the punchless White Sox.

Chicago has lost four straight. Jon Danks (4-9), who spent time on the disabled list with an oblique strain, was 4-0 in his previous six starts and hadn't lost since May 29. He gave up four runs and nine hits in six innings.

#### Red Sox 3, Indians 2

At Boston, Jarrod Saltalamacchia looked perfectly comfortable in his new role—ace pinch-runner.

The Boston catcher made a headfirst dive across home plate to score the winning run on Jacoby Ellsbury's single in the ninth inning, giving the Red Sox a 3-2 win over the Cleveland Indians on a rainy Tuesday night.

"I just kept going and, like I said, my speed alone just kind of took over," Saltalamacchia said with a straight face.

Saltalamacchia came in for fellow catcher Jason Varitek, who at 39 years old was not going to be running the bases in a tie game in the ninth inning if the Red Sox had another option on the bench.

#### Angels 5, Twins 1

At Anaheim, Ervin Santana gave up eight more hits against Minnesota than he did in his previous start. Not such a bad thing, really.

Coming off his no-hitter last week at Cleveland, Santana went the distance Tuesday night and led the Los Angeles Angels over the Twins 5-1.

Santana became the first pitcher in the majors to follow a no-hitter with a complete-game victory since Tommy Greene did it with Philadelphia in May 1991.

"I feel happy about it, but it's part of the job," Santana said. "I've been working hard, and that's how I get the results. It's not easy. You just go out there and compete, and whatever happens, happens. Every time I got behind in the count, they didn't make the adjustment. And that was the great thing because they were swinging. They've very aggressive."

#### **Tigers 6, Rangers 5**

At Detroit, Brennan Boesch hit a solo home run off Mike Adams amid an eighth-inning rain show-



New York Yankees' Derek Jeter, left, congratulates Mark Teixeira after they both scored on Teixeira's two-run home run against the Chicago White Sox during the third inning of a baseball game Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2011, in Chicago.

er, sending the Detroit Tigers to a 6-5 victory over the Texas Rangers on Tuesday night.

Adams (0-1) was making his debut for the Rangers after coming over from San Diego just before the trade deadline Sunday. He got the first out of the eighth, but as the rain began falling harder, Boesch lined his 16th homer of the season over the wall in right field.

Jose Valverde pitched the ninth for Detroit, earning his 29th save in 29 chances.

Joaquin Benoit (3-3) blew a 5-2 lead in the top of the eighth, allowing a solo homer to Nelson Cruz and a tying two-run shot by Mike Napoli.

Alex Avila homered and drove in three runs for the Tigers.

#### Blue Jays 3, Rays 1

At Florida, Ricky Romero and Jon Rauch combined on a three-hitter, Jose Bautista hit his 32nd homer and Toronto finally beat David Price.

Romero (9-9), who didn't allow a hit until Desmond Jennings started the sixth with a homer, struck out seven and walked four over eight innings. Rauch allowed two-out singles in the ninth to Casey Kotchman and B.J. Upton before retiring Matt Joyce on a fly to left on a 3-0 pitch for his 10th save.

Toronto, which is three games over .500 (56-53) for the first time since April 8, also got a homer from Yunel Escobar.

Price (9-10), an AL All-Star who entered with eight wins and a no-decision in nine career starts against Toronto, gave up three runs and five hits in 6 2-3 inning.

#### Orioles 8, Royals 2

At Kansas City, Mark Reynolds

homered, doubled and drove in five runs as Baltimore beat the Royals in a game in which the temperature at first pitch was 107 degrees.

Reynolds hit his 24th home run in the ninth with Nick Markakis and Vladimir Guerrero aboard to break open a 5-2 game. Chris Davis also homered in the ninth off Royals rookie left-hander Everett Teaford, who was just recalled from Triple-A Omaha.

Reynolds, who leads the Orioles with 60 RBIs, stroked a two-out double in the third, scoring J.J. Hardy, who snapped an 0-for-18 slide with a single, and Markakis, who had walked.

Reynolds' five RBIs matched a career high, done three times previously.

Alfredo Simon (3-4) curbed the Royals on four hits for seven innings to pick up the victory.

#### Mariners 4, Athletics 2

At Seattle, Casper Wells hit a two-run homer in his third game with Seattle and Brendan Ryan sparked the Mariners' offense with some nifty baserunning in a 4-2 victory over the Oakland Athletics on Tuesday night.

Wells, acquired Saturday in a four-player trade with Detroit, connected on a full-count pitch from Rich Harden (2-2) in the sixth inning. The drive to left was his first homer since he went deep on June 24 for the Tigers against Arizona.

Seattle starter Felix Hernandez (10-9) allowed two runs and five hits, struck out nine and walked three in 6 1-3 innings. He has 162 strikeouts, tied for second best in the American League.

The right-hander improved to 12-4 with a 2.54 ERA in 21

career starts against Oakland, including five consecutive winning decisions. He hasn't lost to the A's since Sept. 19, 2008.

#### Phillies 5, Rockies 0

At Denver, Kyle Kendrick tossed eight sparkling innings, Ryan Howard homered twice and the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Colorado Rockies 5-0 on Tuesday night.

Hunter Pence doubled twice and Shane Victorino and Raul Ibanez each singled and scored a run for the Phillies, who have won five straight.

Kendrick (6-5) yielded four hits, struck out a careerhigh seven and walked two in his longest outing in 11 starts this season.

The Phillies got off to a fast start against Aaron Cook (2-6), who pitched four innings before leaving with muscle spasms in his neck.

#### Marlins 4, Mets 3

At New York, rookie second baseman Justin Turner committed a crucial throwing error in the ninth inning, allowing Florida to score two runs and rally past the Mets.

Omar Infante hit a pair of solo shots for Florida, giving him three homers this season, but star shortstop Hanley Ramirez left the game in pain after spraining his left shoulder while diving for a ball in the outfield.

Jason Isringhausen (2-2) hit John Buck with a pitch, loading the bases, and pinch-hitter Bryan Petersen(notes) hit a slow grounder to second base. Turner charged the ball and Buck stopped in the middle of the basepath, so Turner tossed to first. But his throw went high and wide past Lucas Duda, handing Florida a 4-3 lead.

#### Nationals 9, Braves 3

At Washington, Rick Ankiel kept up his sudden power surge, hitting a grand slam off Derek Lowe that sent the Nationals over Atlanta for their fourth straight win.

The Nationals have their longest winning streak since Davey Johnson became manager on June 27. Atlanta has lost three straight.

Ankiel connected for his sixth home run of the season. He homered twice Monday night against the Braves.

Ankiel's shot highlighted a five-run burst in the fourth inning against Lowe (6-10) that put Washington ahead 6-3.

John Lannan (8-7) struck out a season-high eight and improved to 3-0 against Atlanta this year. He gave up three runs and nine hits in 6 2-3 innings.

#### **Cubs 11, Pirates 6**

At Pittsburgh, Alfonso Soriano hit two of the Cubs' season-high six home runs and the Cubs had 21 hits in a victory over the fading Pirates.

Soriano hit solo shots in the third inning off Kevin Correia (12-9) and the fourth off Anthony Watson. Aramis Ramirez hit a three-run homer, Geovany Soto had a two-run blast and Marlon Byrd and Tyler Colvin also connected.

The home run barrage sent the Pirates to their fifth straight loss and 10th in 13 games. Pittsburgh fell back to .500 at 54-54.

#### Reds 5, Astros 1

At Houston, Edgar Renteria hit a grand slam in Cincinnati's five-run fifth inning and Homer Bailey pitched eight solid innings.

Chris Heisey and Ramon Hernandez sparked Cincinnati's big inning with consecutive doubles, making it 1-0. Wandy Rodriguez (7-8) walked Bailey and Drew Stubbs with one out to set up Renteria's ninth career grand slam, which landed in the Crawford Boxes in left field.

### Diamondback 6, Giants 1

At San Francisco, Paul Goldschmidt has spent two days in the major leagues and he already feels at home. That's what a home run against one of baseball's top pitchers can do for the psyche.

Goldschmidt hit his first career homer, a two-run shot off Tim Lincecum that helped the Arizona Diamondbacks move into a tie for first place in the NL West with the Giants by beating San Francisco 6-1 on Tuesday night.

"To come up here in this environment and do what he's done is a huge lift for us," Arizona manager Kirk Gibson said. "He's become part of our team. You have to be awed by it. He's shown great character by the way he's controlled his emotions."

#### **Dodgers 1, Padres 0**

At San Diego, Hiroki Kuroda pitched seven shutout innings and Matt Kemp had two hits and drove in the only run and the Los Angeles Dodgers shut out the San Diego Padres 1-0 on Tuesday.

Kuroda (7-13) snapped a four-game losing streak, allowing four hits while striking out eight and walking two. It was his second strong outing in San Diego this season, as he also shut out the Padres in April.

Kemp had two hits and drove in the only run, adding to his NL best RBI total (84) as the Dodgers beat San Diego for a fifth consecutive time. Kemp also made a strong defensive play in the ninth, snaring a fly ball off the bat of Aaron Cunningham.

### Brewers 8, Cardinals 7

At Milwaukee, Lance Berkman singled in Matt Holliday with two out in the 11th inning and the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Milwaukee Brewers 8-7 on Tuesday in a matchup of NL Central contenders that turned testy as the night wore on.

Sluggers Albert Pujols of the Cardinals and Ryan Braun each were hit by a pitch in the seventh, and Cardinals catcher Yadier Molina became so incensed after he was ejected in the 10th that plate umpire Rob Drake had to wipe his face during the argument.

St. Louis' first win at Miller Park in five tries this season snapped Milwaukee's sevengame winning streak and trimmed the Brewers' NL Central lead to 2 1-2 games.

# NBA takes legal action against locked-out players



NEW YORK (AP)--Trying to head off the chance of an antitrust lawsuit from the NBA Players Association, the league went ahead and beat the union to court.

The NBA filed two claims against the NBAPA on Tuesdayan unfair labor practice charge with the National Labor Relations Board and a lawsuit in federal district court in New York.

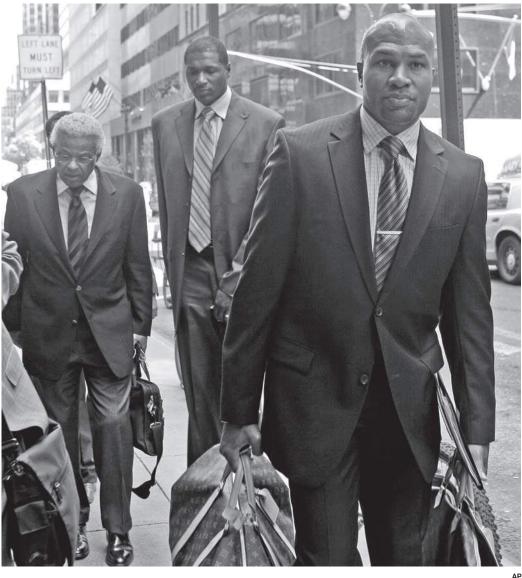
The NBA accused the players of being uncooperative in negotiations toward a new collective bargaining agreement by making "more than two dozen" threats to dissolve their union and sue the league under antitrust laws to secure more favorable terms in a new CBA.

Commissioner David Stern told The Associated Press in a phone interview that an unproductive meeting Monday with union executive director Billy Hunter, president Derek Fisher and others confirmed to the league it needed to take this action.

"There doesn't seem to be a seriousness of purpose to the players and we keep reading about they're considering decertification, and the agents are meeting with Billy to talk about decertification, Derek was quoted as saying it's an option on the table," Stern said.

Stern added: "And we think that as long as they are preparing to use the same strategy that the NFL, who uses the same lawyer, used, it doesn't seem that we're going to be able to get to the deal that we need to get to together."

NFL players decertified their union this year, though they ultimately resolved a 4 1/2-month



NBA Players Association president Derek Fisher, right, NBA union chief Billy Hunter, left, and LA Lakers Theo Ratliff arrive at a midtown hotel for a meeting with the NBA, Monday, Aug. 1, 2011 in New York.

labor dispute with the owners.

"We just don't have as much time as the NFL did," Stern said. "If the union sort of continued to drag its feet and then pursued its preferred decertification strategy, and if the same 4 1/2 months went by, we'd be well into our season. The NFL harmful" effect on CBA talks.

had more time than we do."

Players' attorney Jeffrey Kessler, who also represented the NFL players, was named in the NBA's lawsuit for his use of what the league called an "impermissible pressure tactic" that has had a "direct, immediate and

"For the parties to reach agreement on a new CBA, the union must commit to the collective bargaining process fully and in good faith," Adam Silver, the NBA deputy commissioner and chief operating officer, said in a statement released by the league.

Kessler said the players are

it's the owners whose negotiating efforts have been in bad faith.

"The NBA Players Association has made no decision to decertify. They talk about the fact that this is something the players have considered for 30 years, and that's true. And they haven't done it for 30 years," Kessler said in a phone interview with The Associated Press. "So there's no decision made. There may be no decision made. We view this as an example of their bad-faith bargaining. They don't want to be at the table."

Yet Stern said decertification is Kessler's "preferred strategy and we really prefer to head that off."

"We know Kessler. We know Jeffrey. We've been at this for something approaching 30 years. We're pretty familiar with the playbook," Stern said. "You announce that you're going out of business, you swear under oath that it's permanent and non-reversible, and then you settle the lawsuit and then you make it unpermanent and non-reversible. And so let's I think let the festivities begin."

Hunter, in a statement released by the union, said the players will seek to dismiss the lawsuit, which he called "totally without merit."

Said Hunter: "We urge the NBA to engage with us at the bargaining table and to use more productively the short time we have left before the 2011-12 season is seriously jeopardized."

After a labor meeting in New York on Monday, the first session since the lockout began

frustrated because they believe July 1 that included Stern as well as leaders from both the owners and the players, a downcast Stern said the sides were "at the same place" as they were a month ago in the hours before the old deal ran out.

Owners are seeking significant changes to the league's salary structure, claiming \$300 million in losses last season and hundreds of millions more in each year of the previous CBA, which was ratified in 2005. Players have acknowledged the losses but disputed the size, and they've balked at the league's push for a hard salary cap and reduction in salaries and maximum contract lengths.

The NBA's lawsuit is essentially preventative legal medicine.

It seeks a declaration from the court that the lockout does not violate antitrust laws, in case the union breaks up to file an antitrust lawsuit. It also cites legal backing for the lockout itself, invoking Depression-era legislation known as the Norris-LaGuardia Act designed to prevent court intervention in a labor dispute.

Finally, the league's lawsuit also makes an attempt to secure support for massive salary reform should the union dissolve. The NBA asked the court to declare that such a decertification would in turn void all existing player contracts because they're guided by the union's involvement in the old CBA. Without a union and a collective bargaining relationship, the league argued, the terms and conditions of those previously negotiated contracts would not apply.

### Woods returns to Firestone after 3-month break



**AKRON, Ohio** (AP)—Tiger Woods was on the practice range just as the sun began to rise Tuesday over Firestone, his first time on a PGA Tour golf course in nearly three months.

Even as the season heads toward a conclusion, Woods can't wait to get started.

"I'm excited to compete, to play," Woods said. "And hopefully, to win the tournament."

That part about Woods hasn't changed.

It's everything else in the world of golf he once ruled that is so much different. Woods showed up at the Bridgestone Invitational at No. 28, his lowest world ranking since the start of his first full season on the PGA Tour. He has a new caddie at least temporarily - in Bryon Bell, a childhood friend who now heads up a design business that is not getting much work these days with a downturn in the industry.

He no longer is the dominant force in golf, having gone 20 months since his last win at the Australian Masters.

For Woods, however, the biggest change is how he feels about his health.

"The great thing is I don't feel a thing," Woods said. "It feels solid. It feels stable. No pain. That's one of the reasons why I took as long as I did to come back, is that I want to get to this point where I can go ahead and start playing golf again like this. It's been a very long time, and it feels good to go out there today and hit balls like this, go practice and feel nothing and walk around and pretty much do anything I want on the golf course."

Asked how long it has been since he felt so

good physically, Woods replied, "Years."

It almost seems that long ago since he was last in action. Woods, who was No. 1 in the world at the Bridgestone Invitational a year ago, has not played since he walked off the course after nine holes May 12 at The Players Championship with recurring injuries to his left knee and Achilles tendon.

He said he injured them during the third round of the Masters while hitting a shot an awkward stance in the pine straw on the 17th hole. Woods said if he had sat out the rest of May, he would have been fine the rest of the year, a lesson he learned this time around.

Woods wasn't about to return until he was 100 percent healthy, and he is convinced of that now.

He said he started hitting balls a couple of weeks ago, without giving an exact date, and that he got the itch to start playing soon after. Woods said he thought about playing The Greenbrier Classic last week, but decided to wait a little more.

What gets him excited?

"Trying to beat these boys," Woods said. "That's fun. Getting out there and trying to win golf tournaments, being there with a chance to win, whether you win or fail. Just being there is just a rush, and it's just so much fun. Trying to pull off the shots that you've done in practice when it matters the most, see what you've got. That's fun.'

In the three months since he was gone, Rory McIlroy shattered his U.S. Open scoring record to par, and good friend Darren Clarke finally won a major at the British Open at age 42. Steve Stricker has won twice to become the highest-ranked American

Clarke, friends with Woods since his final major as an amateur in 1996, will be paired with him the first two rounds.

"Tiger has been the best player in the world for a very long time," Clarke said. "He has been the guy over my career that has set the benchmark for all the rest of us, and personally he's a good friend of mine. It is fantastic, I think, not just for you guys but for all of world golf just to see Tiger Woods back playing again. I'm sure he will be trying to get himself back up to where he has been before, and personally I don't doubt he'll do that.

"But for us to have a chance to compete against him again can only be good for the game in general.

Woods still managed to make news while not playing when he fired his caddie, Steve Williams, after a 12-year partnership during which he won 13 majors. For all the talk about disloyalty - Williams caddied for Adam Scott at the U.S. Open, then again at the AT&T National without seeking permission - Woods said only that it was "time for a change."

"I felt that Stevie and I have had just an amazing run," he said. "Steve is a hell of a caddie, there's no denying that. He's helped my career, and I think I've helped his, as well. We've had a great partnership for 12 years, maybe a little bit more than that, won a bunch of tournaments. I just felt it was time to change things up a little bit. I felt very comfortable with the move."

He did not bite when asked about Williams' comments to a New Zealand television station that he had wasted the last two years of his life.

"That's what he says and what he feels," Woods said.

In his place is Bell, who last caddied for Woods at the 2005 Disney Classic, and previously worked for Woods when he won the 1996 U.S. Amateur and the 1999 Buick Invitational at Torrey Pines.

Woods said Bell is only a fill-in - "Have you seen his legs?" he said - and there no timetable for getting a permanent replacement. The only sense of urgency for Woods is his results.

Because he has missed so much golf - and didn't play all that great early in the year - he has plunged to No. 135 in the FedEx Cup standings. He needs to crack the top 125 after this World Golf Championship and the PGA Championship to qualify for the playoffs. He could take care of that with a top 10 finish at Firestone, where only

"I really hope that he will play well," said PGA champion Martin Kaymer, who played with Woods at TPC Sawgrass, at least for nine holes. "We need him. We really need him. He's the best player who ever played that game, and obviously he's struggling a little bit at the moment, but I just hope that he can go back to basics and show us how great of a golf player he is."

Whatever rust Woods has won't be known until Thursday, when his shots count.

He played nine holes Tuesday, often hitting more than one shot when he wasn't pleased with where it was going. But it was only practice. Woods won't get a good sense of where his game is until the first round Thursday.

"I'm just focused on trying to win a golf tournament," he said. "That's it."

# **Pacific Postal holds off 8th Division**



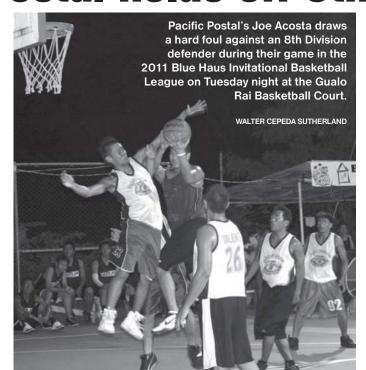
Pacific Postal withstood 8th Division's rally to pull off a 75-69 victory dur-

ing their game in the 2011 Blue Haus Invitational Basketball League on Tuesday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Pacific Postal went ahead by double digits in the final two minutes of regulation, but saw its lead trim down to three in the closing minute of the fourth quarter. Fortunately for Pacific Postal, Mico Usi made three free throws, Rick Brien added one charity, and Angel Bautista had a two-pointer in the end to preserve the win.

Mel Usi top-scored for Pacific Postal with 24 points, making 15 of them in the first half for the team's 36-29 halftime lead. Pacific Postal pressed on and maintained a double-digit lead for the majority of the second half, before Dan Mateo led 8th Division's comeback in the fourth quarter.

Pacific Postal thought the game was in the bag and opted for an early line-up change halfway through the fourth quarter and almost gave the win away.



#### Mawati 67, **Marianas Water 53**

In other results, Mawati brushed off Marianas Water, 67-53, in Sunday's opener.

Mawati took an early 17-12 lead over Marianas and never looked back. Mawati players were on target, as nine players scored in the opening frame,

On defense, Mawati held Marianas Water to eight points in the second period to widen the gap to 16 at the break, 36-30.

Arun Avilla and Jerome

Reyes scored 11 and 10 points, respectively, for Mawati. Marianas Water's John Paul Darag and Dae Min Jeon combined for 25 markers.

#### IFashion 75, **Life Force 70**

In the second game last Sunday, IFashion defeated Life Force, 75-70.

IFashion started slow and fell behind after the opening period, 15-17. However Angelo Fernando put IFashion on top at halftime, 34-28, after finishing the first half with 13 points.

IFashion turned it up some more after the break and jumped in front, 57-43, heading into the final canto. Fernando took a seat in the third, but Mike Achas filled the void with nine markers.

Life Force made repeated comeback bids, but ran out of time. Fernado and Achas combined for 32 points, while Oliver Santiago and Marlo Ibanez tallied 15 points apiece for Life Force.

#### Cell Pro 71, Jacem 68

In the first game last Saturday, Cell Pro snuck past Jacem Printing, 71-68.

Jacem Printing lost despite taking an early 22-18 lead in the first quarter.

The match was tied at 28-all at midpoint, as Cell Pro and Jacem combined for only seven field goals in the second quarter. Action warmed up a little in the third, as Cell Pro managed to grab the lead, 44-40.

Both teams picked up their scoring in the payoff canto, but Cell Pro had the edge in the end when Eric Dulfo delivered 10 points, including a pair of pressured free throws that sealed the win. He finished with a team-high 22 points, while Jacem's Brandon Aulerio led the field with 26.

#### Joeten 57, Fong's Bakery 54

In the nightcap, Joeten outlasted Fong's Bakery, 57-54.

Both teams were lethargic in Saturday night's late match and Joeten went ahead by only three, 12-9.

Joeten then contained Fong's to 12 points in the second period to keep the upper hand at the break 26-21. Fong's Jay Danipog managed five of his team's six baskets in that quarter, while Christian Devero led Joeten with 12 points in the first half.

Joeten kicked it in gear in the third and shot ahead, 47-34. Rodney Sacramento came off the bench and scored 12 points. Fong's tried to mount a late rally and stuffed Joeten to 10 points in the payoff period, but still fell short.

Devero paced Joeten with 19 points, while Danipog finished with a game-high 20.

#### **TUESDAY**

Pacific Postal 75 – Me. Usi 24, Bicera 16, Mi. Usi 11, Acosta 8, Aque 4, Bautista 4, Agbanlog 5, Brien 3.

**8th Division 69** – Mateo 19, Detera 15, Vellente 9, J. Camacho 6, Miguel 5, Pona 5, Abuan 4, Brana 4, Cortes 2.

Scoring by quarters: 16-12, 36-29, 56-46, 75-69.

#### **SUNDAY First Game**

Mawati 67 – Avilla 11, J. Reyes 10, Taractac 9, Salem 8, Rejano 6, Dalusong 4, Tiribio 4, Dela Cruz 4, Renia 3, Demapan 2.

Marianas Water 63 – J. Darag 13, Jeon 12, Gabaldon 11, Andales 5, Pacheco 5, Anasan 3, Mendiola 2, R. Darag 2.

Scoring by quarters: 17-12, 36-20, 50-36, 67-53.

#### **Second Game**

**IFashion 75** – Fernando 17, Mi. Achas 15, Bautista 14, R Reyes 8, Villanueva 7, Gatdula 6, Kapileo 4, Mc. Achas 3, Espeso 1.

Life Force 70 – Santiago 15, Ibanez 15, Cabaddu 10, I. Cruz 7, Leomo 4, Buniag 4, Galvan 4, C. Sablan 4, Ordones 4, Perez 2, Juguilon 1.

Scoring by quarters: 15-17, 34-28, 57-43, 75-70.

#### **SATURDAY First Game**

Cell-Pro 71 - Dulfo 22, J. Norita 13, Rotap 9, Loste 9, Hernandez 7, Tibayan 6, P. Norita 5.

Jacem 68 - Aulerio 26, Kiyoshi 18, Litulimar 10, DL Guerrero 8, Eclavia 3, Olivos 2. Scoring by quarters: 18-22, 28-28, 44-40, 71-68.

#### **Second Game**

Joeten 57 – Devero 19, Sacramento 18, C. Camacho 5, Fernandez 5, J. Sablan 4, G. Cruz 2, Umali 2, Culala 2, Lagancho 1.

Fong's 54 – Danipog 20, Rollon 10, DL Guerrero 6, Diyco 5, Tamondong 5, Cadag 4, Duhon 4. Scoring by quarters: 12-9,

26-21, 47-34, 57-54.

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Before his trey, Jon Artates had a rare four-point play when he made his layup and then drew an unsportsmanlike foul from Bayani/Mobil's Larry Sharry. Cavite/Andok's also regained possession after the infraction, but instead of taking advantage of the situation it muffed several shots from downtown and committed costly errors, allowing Bayani/Mobil to grab the win.

The first miscue came from the backcourt, as Fando Muleta was double teamed by Gamboa and Estolas. Estolas eventually picked up the loose ball and fed Gamboa for the layup and equalizer, 83-83, with 1:11 left on the clock.

Cavite/Andok's lost the ball anew with Gamboa intercepting Artates pass to Tim Wesley and the Bayani/Mobil swingman went straight to the basket and drew a foul. Gamboa made both free throws to put his team in the lead, 85-83.

Wesley also trooped to the foul line in the ensuing play and split his charities to keep Cavite in the game, 84-85, with 52.6 seconds to go in the game.

Derrick Aughenbaugh made it a three-point game, 87-84, when he made an undergoal

stab off his own miss, with 36 seconds left on the clock. Cavite sued for time to orchestrate a play, but when game resumed, it failed to score with both Fando Muleta and Artates missing from downtown.

Cavite was then forced to give up a foul to stop the clock, which read at 3.2 seconds. Estolas stepped on the stripe, faltered in his first free throw, but made the second one to ensure the win.

Gamboa top-scored for Bayani/Bil with 20, while Muleta had 19 for Cavite, but missed his last three 3-point attempts after making three triples in the third period.

#### Namfrel/Proa 93, Ali'i Konflikt 83

In the second game of the night, Namfrel/Proa won its debut game after topping MAFEAAli'i Konflikt, 93-83.

The loss was Ali'i Konflikt's second in as many games.

Namfrel/Proa leaned on its balance offense to outgun Ali'i Konflikt. The Rufino Aguoncoached Proad had all its 12 players making it to the scoreboard. Pete Iguel tallied 20 points, while Jack Lizama and Dan Barcinas chipped in 12 and 11, respectively. Six other players logged at least two field goals apiece.

Iguel drilled 10 of his to-

tal points in the third period, turning Namfrel/Proa's 44-38 halftime lead to a 69-58 advantage, entering the final canto. Namfrel/Proa then did a good job protecting the driver's seat in the fourth quarter to hand Ali'i Konflikt back-to-back losses.

#### **First Game**

Bavani/Mobil 88 – Gamboa 20, Estolas 19, Lizama 13, Ruluked 11, Gapor 5, De Guzman 4, Aughenbaugh 4, Sharry 4, Factor 2.

Cavite/Andok's 84 - Muleta 19, Wesley 14, Camacho

**SHIRLEY'S** 

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Scoring by quarters: 15-13, 34-32, 60-64, 88-84.

#### **Second Game**

Namfrel/Proa 93 - Iguel 20, Lizama 12, Barcinas 11, Chariton 9, Johnson 8, Libuw 7, Sablan 6, Mendiola 6, Valdez 4, Ogumoro 3, Babauta 3, Camacho 2.

MAFEA/Ali'i Konflikt 83 -Devero 22, Esdrelon 18, Joyner 16, Barrios 15, Talania 10, Guiab 2, Camacho 2.

Scoring by quarters: 18-14, 44-38, 69-58, , 93-83.

#### ROTARY

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things run much smoother when we collect all the funds to run the league up front. With that said, the U19 boys are ready now and that's good, but we need to give the two other divisions time to finalize their rosters," said Elias Rangamar, vice president of the organizing Basketball Association of Northern Mariana Islands.

With the U19 division all set, Rangamar said he is shooting to hold at least two games in the opener. Then once the other divisions' commence, a single U19 game will be played starting at either 4:45pm or 6:15pm on weekdays. Official schedules have yet to be released.

Right now, six teams are confirmed for the U15 division and the list includes the Sixers, four Rollers Basketball Club squads, and two girls teams. This will be

the first time the Rotary league has allowed girls teams to play against boys.

The U12 division currently has four Rollers teams and slots are still available in both divisions.

As for Tinian, it has agreed to host teams once a month during the season, but Saipan squads should cover their own travel expenses. Tinian coach Keith Nabors is expected to attend next week's meeting to finalize arrangements for the

competition.

This year's Rotary caging will have Abner Venus as league commissioner and Rex Yabut as chair for the table officials.

Meanwhile, league organizers are holding the coaches and managers meeting for all divisions on Aug. 10 at 6pm at the Community Development Center in Garapan. All registration and waiver forms and entrance fees are due by the end of the meeting.

#### **Mellow Yellow 5** In the first men's game, Docomo

after slipping past Mellow Yellow, 7-5.

Docomo's first three games resulted in two draws and a loss before it topped Mellow Yellow, which is still winless after four matches.

Peter Loken anchored Docomo's first win, making four goals. He had two in the first half and Trey Dunn added one as Docomo tied the match after 25 minutes of play, 3-all. Allen Mijares, Suriya Mongkhonat, and M. Woo scored one goal each for Mellow Yellow in the first half.

In the second half, Loken found the back of the net twice, while Dunn and Ropati Tonuu

contributed one goal each to preserve Docomo's lead and put their team in the winners circle. Mellow Yellow's two goals in the second half came from Woo and Young Sin Lim.

### Go Green 3,

In the last match of the night, Go Green tripped IT&E Men, 3-1.

Tang Chiming logged twin goals for Go Green, which drew one goal from Raymond Zapanta. The victory improved Go Green's record to 2-1-1 (winloss-draw).

IT&E Men absorbed its second straight setback in four games, as only Yishan Wang scored for the team.

Wang hit his goal in the first half, which ended in a deadlock, 1-all, as Tang also scored for Go Green. Tang made another goal in the second half and several minutes later, it was Zapanta's turn to light up the scoreboard.

#### **ATHLETES**

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also a swimmer and was named the Best Female Athlete in the 2003 Pacific Games in Fiii after winning 10 events and making five Games records.

Lulu is a table tennis player and won two gold medals, one

silver, and one bronze in the 2009 Pacific Mini Games in Cook Islands. She was selected as Vanuatu's Most Outstanding Athlete of the Decade (1999-2009) for notching five gold medals in four consecutive Pacific Games (2003, 2005, 2007, and 2009).

Election will be held during the two-week competition and all athletes registered are eligible to vote. Election will take place at the Athletes' Village. The winner will be announced during the closing ceremony.

The current PGC Executive board is composed of president Vidhya Lakhan of Fiji, vice president James Tobin of the Federated States of Micronesia, secretary general David Boyd of New Caledonia, treasurer John Tierney

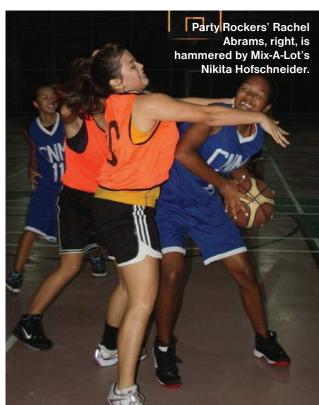
of the Cook Islands, past president Ric Blas of Guam, member Mel McDonald of Papua New Guinea, and executive director Andrew Minogue.

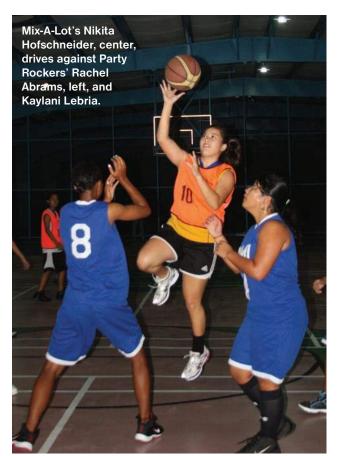
The 2011 Pacific Games will run from Aug. 27 to Sept. 10 with over 3,000 athletes from the more than 4,000 registered participants expected to compete in the 15-day quadrennial event.

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# 2011 TSL Women's Summer Basketball League

Photos By ROSELYN MONROYO









Mix-A-Lot, Party Rockers, Aye Par Battay, and Lazy Buttsss players pose for a group photo at the conclusion of the 2011 TSL Women's Summer Basketball League last week at the TSL Sports Complex.







Party Rockers' Jeraldine Castillo, left, goes up for a shot against Mix-A-Lot's Andrea Manese.



Aye Par Battay's Joanna Palero dribbles out of two Mix-A-Lot defenders.



The Lazy Buttsss' Keolani Rios, left, drives to the baseline against Party Rockers' Kaylani Lebria.



Mix-A-Lot's Mercedes Mesa pulls up for a jumper against Party Rockers' Melody Johnson.

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# Bayani/Mobil sneaks past Cavite



# Shirley's A, B share women's lead

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Sister teams Shirley's A and B extended their winning streak to four after down-

ing separate foes in the women's division of the 2011 Saipan Soccer School Futsal League Tuesday night at the TSL Sports Complex.

Shirley's A played in the first game and shut out Thai Team, 4-0.

Jeraldine Castillo knocked in two goals to lead Shirley's A's victory, while Melody Johnson and Irish Pagarao had one each. Shirley's A is in a tie for first place with Shir-



ROSELYN B. MONROYO Shirley's A's Nicole Arboliras, left, and Red Team's Zoe Jewell collide as they battle for the ball during the third game in the 2011 Saipan Soccer School Futsal League Tuesday night at the TSL Sports Complex.

ley's B as they hold similar 4-0 records. Thai Team is still winless in three games.

Shirley's B nailed its fourth win in as many matches after edging Red Team, 4-2.

Marie Javier and Reylynn Sapong drilled one goal apiece for Shirley's B, giving the team a 2-1 halftime lead. Patty Coleman scored Red Team's lone goal in the first frame.

In the second half, Ira Palero and Marrielle Gariguez made it to the scoreboard and Red Team failed to keep up with Shirley's B, as only Zoe Jewell scored for the eventual losing team.

The defeat halted Red Team's two-game winning run.

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By ROSELYN B. MONROYO REPORTER

ayani/Mobil eked out an 88-84 comefrom-behind win over Cavite/Andok's in the curtain-raiser at the UFO Inter-Organization Basketball Friendship League 2011 Bud Cup on Tuesday night at the TSL Sports Complex.

Bayani/Mobil fell behind by five points, 78-83, with 1:59 left in the match, but capitalized on Cavite/Andok's errors and missed shots to recover and win its first game of the season.

Ron Gamboa led Bayani Mobil's comeback, scoring seven points in the team's 11-1 finish in the last two minutes of the match.

Gamboa started his string of points with a triple, cutting the lead to two, 83-81, with 1:30 left on the clock.

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### Rotary caging opening moved to Aug. 12



WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND

Rotary caging organizers and teams representatives discuss details for the opening of the youth competition during a meeting Tuesday afternoon at the Community Development Center in Garapan.

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The starting date for the 19th Annual Rotary Club of Saipan Youth Basketball League has been reset to Aug. 12.

The 10-team U19 division will kick off the CNMI's premier youth basketball league next week at the TSL Sports Complex. The list includes the defending champions Ol'Aces, runnersup Sonics, Proa, Rollers, the Chalan Kanoa Blazers, the San Antonio Sixers, Susupe Hi-5, and teams from Tanapag, Kagman, and Tinian.

The Rotary youth caging was originally scheduled to open this Friday, but organizers held off for a week to help teams acquire uniforms and submit the required paper work and entrance fees. Besides the U19 division, the league will also feature players in the U15 and U12 divisions, but kick-off dates have yet to be decided.

"We've learned in the past that See ROTARY on Page 26

### Athletes representative election set

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Athletes will now be represented in the Pacific Games Council's Executive Board.

The Council has announced it will be holding an election for athletes

representative to the PGC Executive Board during the 2011 Pacific Games in New Caledonia later this month.

"For the first time, the Pacific Games Council's Executive Board will wel-

come an athlete into its ranks with the election of an athletes representative taking place at the 2011 Pacific Games," the Council stated in its website.

> Three athletes have been nominated for the position. The list includes Fiji's Carl Probert, New Caledonia's Diane Bui-Duyet,

and Vanuatu's Anolyn Lulu. Probert is a five-time Olympic swimmer (1992. 1996, 2000, 2004, and 2008) and Fiji national record holder. Bui-Duyet is

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